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PREFACE.

THE Calendar of the Treasury Papers, of which the present volume is the continuation, extends from 1 January 1697, to the close of the reign of King William the Third, viz. 8 March 1701–2.

Attention having been drawn to the general nature of this Collection of Papers in the preface to the preceding volume, nothing more need here be said on that subject; but as some of the papers appear to the editor to be worthy of more especial regard, they are, in conformity with the plan adopted in that preface, here noticed under similar heads.

The minutes found in the *Minute Books* applicable to the papers hereafter calendared have, as in the former volume, been added.

It will be seen that the index has been prepared upon a different method to that in the previous volume, the object being to lead the enquirer more directly to the precise entry in the Calendar; besides which the reference in the index without turning to the Calendar at all, will be sufficient for the production of the document, by the officer in charge of the papers. In a few instances, however, where the entry is very lengthy, the reference to the page is given.

Fine Arts.

The following petition, which is a beautiful specimen of caligraphy, was no doubt penned by the petitioner himself. (*See* Vol. LXXVIII., No. 6.)

"To the King's most excellent Majtie.

"The humble petition of Thomas Baston.

"Sheweth,

"That yor petrs brother, John Baston, did raise and maintain a company of foot at his own charge for Yor Matys service in the late rebelion in Ireland, which so incensed the Irish Papists, that they burnt eleven houses, plundered and totaly ruined the estate of yor petr and his said brother.

"That yor petr with great difficulty, hoping in part to retrieve his said fortune, built a smal vessel, called the Whitehal 'Yatch,' which he also put in Yor Matys service in the late war; but was afterwards taken by a French privateer, which so reduced yor petr and his family, that for a small subsistance he serv'd her late Maty, of ever blessed memory, as a clerke, under Mons. D'Allonne, her then secretary; in which time he did severall things for Her Matys closset, both in writing and drawing with a penn, which gave Her Maty great satisfaction; but after Her Matys decease he had no care taken of him, as her other servants had.

"That yor petr had Yor Matys order by Majr General Trelawny to make a draught of the light house on the Eddy-stone, near Plymouth, which Yor Maty hath now at Kensington, and afterwards Yor Maty gave express order to yor petr to make a second draught of the said light house, much larger than the former, and according to the new alterations that was then made to the said house, with the draughts of several of Yor Matys ships of war; which after much pains and six months' labour, yor petr perform'd to general satisfaction, and deliver'd it to Yor Maty at Hampton Court three days before Your Matys departure to Holland last year; for all which yor petr hath receiv'd no manner of reward or gratification, but is reduced with his wife and children to great want and poverty.

"Your petr most humbly begs Yor Matys royal bounty for his said drawings, and that such provision may be made for him, in consideration of his sufferings, as may be for Yor Matys service and the general benefit he humbly proposes by his said works.

"And yor petr as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c."

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. Read 7 Janry 1701. To have 30li in full. Paid 29th Janry 1701."

Biography.

John Evelyn, Esq.

Under date 6 March 1701–2 (Vol. LXXVIII., No. 64) is an interesting paper in relation to the well known John Evelyn, Esq. He had been a commissioner for the sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war, and when he sent in his account (which must have been many years after the service to which it related), two items would not pass muster with their Lordships, who had not called upon him for a *vivâ voce* explanation, as he hoped they would have done. This produced the paper referred to. The *first item* was apparently for 40*s.* a day for travelling charges and other expenses, which their Lordships had cut down to 20*s.*; but he says 20*s.* a day was the stated price for a decent coach with four horses out of town, without any allowance for lodging and diet, a servant, and oftentimes a clerk, besides other contingent expenses. He had been obliged to go some hundreds of times to London, to visit hospitals, prisons, and other places, and was in perpetual danger in passing through the whole city. He was necessitated to wait on the old Duke of Albemarle, at the Cockpit, constantly once a week, and sometimes twice, to receive orders and to procure moneys from the receiver, and carry down slops, bundles of linen, and other accommodations, when ten thousand died weekly of the contagion. All the other Commissioners "shifted for themselves" [that is, they fled from the plague], and left him alone to take charge of the service. If he had deserted London and its infected skirts, or not supplied them personally, multitudes of poor sick and wounded seamen of our own, and prisoners of the Dutch, must inevitably have perished. Two of his marshals, employed at Leeds Castle and Chelsea prison, who had frequent

recourse to him, died of the plague, and one came to him with the tokens upon him. The *other item* was for three-quarters of a year's pay after the war had ended, when his journeys and troubles still continued, and he had hoped that this would have been cast in as some recompense for his former services and expenses.

He also makes application for a fine of 150*l.* for making up the term of his lease for certain lands near Deptford [query Sayes Court], to be taken out of the debt due from the Crown to his wife's father, Sir Richard Browne, to whom the inheritance of that estate was promised by King Charles II., for his long service of 19 years abroad. His whole claim was for 6,685*l.* 10*s.*

Coinage.

Persons interested in the value of gold and silver and coins of those metals will find much information in a memorial of Mr., afterwards Sir Isaac Newton, dated 28 Sept. 1701 (Vol. LXXVI., 36). The assimilation of the value of the French and English coinage seems then to have engaged attention.

Colonies.

Some of the papers hereafter calendared, connected with the affairs of New York, are so exactly of the same nature as those printed in the volumes entitled "*Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York*," published under the direction of the Governor, Secretary of State, and Controller of that State in the years 1853 and 1854, that there can be little doubt they would have been inserted in those volumes if they had then been accessible.

The valuable Board of Trade Papers from New York, to which reference is not unfrequently made in this Calendar,

are preserved in the Public Record Office, and are bound in volumes or bundles.

Lord Bellomont.

But little apology is needed for the full abstracts of Lord Bellomont's letters, as they contain so much historical information. Some of them will be found printed in one of the volumes above referred to; but it is a very scarce work in this country. The letters occupy a prominent position in this Calendar, and it may be desirable to give some of the incidents gathered from them as a slight contribution to the materials for the History of New York at a critical time, as well as for the biography of one of its most energetic governors.

Lord Bellomont arrived at New York on 2 April 1698,* having been appointed Governor of the provinces of New York and Massachusetts Bay and part of the province of New Hampshire, on 18 June 1697, as may be seen in the *Patent Rolls*, 9 Will. 3, part 6, Nos. 3 and 5, and part 7, No. 10, and not, as *Rapin* says, in the beginning of 1695. The King, Rapin states, "thought him a man of resolu-" tion and integrity, and with those qualities the more " likely than any other he could think of to put a stop to " the growth of piracy, with which that province and the " rest of the American Colonies were remarkably infested." *Rapin*, Vol. III., p. 396. That he found a difficult task before him there can be no question; but these papers will show that he prosecuted his duties with vigour, and that he was ever as ready with his pen to attack his enemies as to defend his friends. It will not be much wondered at

* See Vol. LIII., No. 23. In a report of the Commissioners of Trade, of 22 June 1700, it speaks of his departure from England in October 1697. See Vol. LXIX., No. 40. He is said to have put off his departure until after the peace of Ryswick, and then was blown off the American coast to Barbadoes, &c. See *Holme's American Annals*, Vol. I., p. 468.

that he raised up plenty of the former when he adopted measures which materially interfered with the profits of persons who had lived largely upon illicit traffic, and who now suddenly found a stop put to such a system. The dismissal of several of the persons who had been in the confidence of the late Governor did not add to the number of his friends.

In the Earl's letter of 25 May 1688 (Vol. LIII., No. 23), he says that the trade of the port (New York) had doubled in ten years, and the city had grown vastly rich and populous, and increased to double the number of houses; and yet the accounts of customs had greatly decreased, and there had been a most general licentious trade with pirates.

The late Governor, Col. Fletcher, had connived (as Lord Bellomont says) at the corruption of his subordinates, and had combined with them to deceive the King and get as much money out of the province as he could (p. 212). Lord Bellomont urged that the Colonel should be censured in England for his administration,* to curb the insolence of his party. He says, when he (the Colonel) met with discountenance and punishment in England, the people there would be as tame as lambs. (*See* Board of Trade Papers, New York, Vol. IV., pp. 346 and 347.)

The new Governor found it unsafe to trust the sheriff, and was afraid to demand of him to call out the *posse comitatus*, although he required his assistance to rescue the officers who had been made prisoners when employed to make a seizure of goods in the garret of one Van Sweeten's house, because the sheriff himself had concealed

* There was an enquiry into the charges against him before the Lords of Trade, and a representation to His Majesty was made by them to the effect that he *had* encouraged pirates and neglected his duty, and done other acts worthy of censure. *See Documents relative to Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., pp. 479–486.

goods to the value of 2,000*l*. The merchants at New York had evidently not been much accustomed to have their goods seized by the Custom-house officers, and were little inclined to submit to it; for when the new Governor ordered the above seizure to be made, whilst the officers were in the house, the owner and other merchants, whom he called to his assistance, fastened up the doors and windows, and kept them prisoners in the garret where the goods were, to the danger of their being stifled. (*See* 11 Oct. 1698, Vol. LVI., No. 78.)

One of the frequent causes of quarrels between the settlers and the natives is illustrated in a paper under date 16 Sept. 1698 (Vol. LVI., pp. 206-209). A Dutch minister of the name of Dellius, and three others, persuaded certain of the "Mohack" Indians to convey to them absolutely, their whole tract of land, under the pretence that it was a conveyance in trust for their benefit. Their disgust was intense when they found it was a scheme for fraudulently depriving them of their land. Lord Bellomont's letter in this Calendar, gives a very graphic account of his conference with the Indians, and of the smart reproof he administered to Dellius in presence of the persons composing the conference. He told Dellius that the act was of such a scandalous nature that the like practice was not to be found amongst the worst of men; and it was so very surprising, in a minister of the Gospel of Christ to a heathen people, whom he pretended to proselyte to the Christian faith. He assured the Indians he would do what he could with the King to get the grant revoked.* The interview and the present

* This grant *was* revoked at the instigation of the Earl by the Assembly of New York, as is shown by a letter from him to the Board of Trade, dated 29 May 1699. *See* the Collection of the *Board of Trade Papers, New York,* Vol. V., p. 529.

he made them, seemed quite to have retrieved their affection.

On 28 September 1698, the Governor had to suspend four members of the Council (*see* letter of 21 Oct. 1698, p. 230), as they opposed him in everything; he had previously removed Mr. Pinhorn, a judge (p. 206), from his place and from the Council. He further had to displace Mr. David Jamison, the clerk of the Council, and Deputy Secretary, who was a Scotchman, and had been condemned to be hanged in Scotland for blasphemy and burning the Bible; but had been transported to this province, and sold as a servant. He was also a professed atheist, and had two wives, but notwithstanding was first in the late Governor's confidence. Mr. Chidley Brookes, the collector of Customs, and Col. Bayard appear also to have given him a great deal of trouble.

In addition to the other difficulties of the new Governor on entering upon his duties, a Mr. Clement, who was to have gone out as his secretary, disappointed him, as he says, "dirtily;" so that he was without a secretary, and had to write with his own hand the drafts of his letters. He appealed to their Lordships for the support of the Government at home, or that they would recall him, and, as will be seen by the following entry in the *Minute Book*, he did not appeal in vain:—"28 Dec. 1698. A letter "to my L^{d} Bellom^{t} that my Lords have rec^{d} his sev^{ll} "pacquets, & are extremely pleased wth his proceedings, "and that my Lords will putt the matters under exami- "nation, and give all the assistance & incouragem^{t} that "is in their power."

Their Lordships do not appear, however, to have given him *all* the assistance he required, for in his letter of 2 Jan. 1701, he was badly in want of a judge and an attorney-general, as he says nobody understood the draw-

ing of an Act of Assembly, and the Courts of Justice were managed at a strange rate. (*See* Vol. LXXII., No. 3.)

A favourite scheme of his Lordship was to supply our navy from America with materials for shipbuilding at 30 per cent. less than they could be obtained from other countries, at a saving of 20,000*l.* a year. (*See* Vol. LXXI., 16, and LXXIII., 7.) In this scheme so much of the colonial revenue, as well as his own had been embarked, that when he died, which was on 5 March 1700–1, the Council wrote that they were in the greatest consternation; there was no money in the public treasury and none for the forces, the Earl not having left sufficient for the subsistence of his family, nor for his funeral expenses. They hoped the next Governor would have the same honourable principles and zeal for the King's interest and the good of the inhabitants. (*See* Vol. LXXIII., No. 7, 6 March 1701.)

Under 11 Oct. 1698, an interesting paper will be found about the mal-practices of the Mr. Chidley Brook, above mentioned. (Vol. LVI., No. 78.)

The Governor resisted making the ports of Amboy and Burlington free (Vol. LIII., No. 23), as the merchants would transport themselves thither and carry away all the trade, to the destruction of the Government. See more on this subject under *Trade and Commerce.*

The following shows the respect in which the people of Perth Amboy held the Government and the King's authority. (*See* Vol. LXIII., No. 8.)

"Perth Amboy, June 27, 1699.

"May it please your Hon^{rs}.

* * * * * *

I am now to inform your hon^{rs} that the ship 'Nassaw,' Capt. Shelly, com̄and^{r}, lately came from Madagascar, & since run aground on Long Island shoare near York, landed some goods in this province, of which having some informac̄on, Saturday 24 inst^{t}, I went & obtained a warrant from a justice of peace, & took wth me a con-

stable in order to search y^e^ house where the goods lay in the towne of Woodbridge. The m^r^ of the house abused the constable & denyed my authority, & refused to lett the constable break open the door to search, which he would not suffer him to doe. I immediately got a warrant from the same justice to secure y^e^ m^r^ of y^e^ house, Matthew Moore, but he refused to go before y^e^ justice to ans^r^ his contempt, neither could I persuade the constable he had power to break open the door till I had obtaind a third warr^t^ for that purpose, & till y^e^ justices of peace came themselves to see it done; where I found & seized 12 small bales or baggs of callicoes & muslins, & secured y^m^ in a chamber in the house of M^r^ Rich^d^ Powell, at Woodbridge, & lay there in the same chamber, & sent to Amboy for a waggon to carry them away, which came early Monday morning; people being so precise here that they will upon no consideration suffer a waggon to travell on y^e^ Sabboth day. On Munday about one or two in y^e^ morning, the house & chamber where I lay was broke open by about twenty persons disguised, armed w^th^ clubbs, pallizadoes, & other weapons, of a prodigious biggness, myself threatened my life, & y^e^ goods forcibly carried away. I have not neglected to make all possible search & inquiry, but to no purpose, for y^e^ people here are all lawless, & have no respect to Goverm^t^ or the King's authority, but publickly affront y^e^ magistrates & those who endeavour to execute the law.

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(Signed) "CHARLES GOODMAN."

SIR WILLIAM BEESTON.

[Sir William] Beeston, [Governor] of Jamaica, complains that his salary is so mean that it costs him at least 600*l.* per annum to support the dignity of the Government. There were often strangers, Spaniards, Dutch, and French, with flags of truce, who created great charge to him, and he also says there was great want of shipping to carry away the produce of the island. (*See* 26 July 1697, Vol. XLVI., No. 87.)

There is a very curious and interesting letter (Vol. LII., 28), relating to this Governor, dated at Spanish Town in Jamaica, 13 April 1698, signed Richard Lloyd, who describes himself as "at present" the King's Chief Justice

in that island, giving their Lordships an account of some things not previously communicated. The said Governor [Sir William Beeston, Knt.], was required to take an oath, pursuant to an Act of 7 & 8 and 8 & 9 Will. III., which was] evidently distasteful to him, for he had put off taking it until he had incurred a penalty. On his refusal to take the oath, the Council sent home an account of what passed, at which the Governor was extremely nettled. He was furiously angry, and spoke to the writer in menacing language, and asked him what the attorney and he had to do, to ask him so many questions about the commission the other day in Council. He threatened them both very hard, and said he *would* see the paper they were sending home. The writer told him his power as Governor was too great. It was not convenient to let him see it, lest he might stop it. Upon consultation with his friends, the Governor called another Council, and took the oath. This sudden alteration made many think conscience had not so great a share in the first refusal. The writer further says, "Tis not easy to imagine how great a "Gov^{r} thinks himself, when he is gott five thousand "miles from England. This has already wished all y^{e} "law books burnt, and in most things follows y^{e} dictates "of his own reason before y^{t} of y^{e} law." In short, if he might compare him with y^{e} worst Govern^{rs} that ever had been there, he might say of him that he was *non melior sed occultior*. There were divers persons in that country from whom considerable sums had been privately exacted, and yet they dare not make a noise about the matter, though some of them felt it severely.

Historical Notices.

Catherine Sedley.

The following letter (Vol. LXXVI., No. 60) is from the pen of Catherine Sedley, Countess of Dorchester, who

had been a mistress of King James II., and played a considerable part in the history of her time. It is written in a very bold hand, and it would appear from the letter, if other evidence were wanting, that she was quite capable of taking care of herself and her interests. As is well known, she caused the Queen of James II. considerable unhappiness, and according to Burnett, the Queen in 1686 took means to shame her Royal consort out of his attachment. Burnett's account is that she called the priests to her aid, who on their knees besought the King to abandon this connexion, and he thereupon promised to see her no more. (*See Burnett's History of his own Time*, Vol. I., pp. 682 and 683.) His promise, however, was not kept.

"My Lords,

"I gaither from amongst you, for non spoke very plane, that after haveing solicited some teen years upon a promis, it begins to be a questune whether I had a promis or no. I don't see how the presant King and late Queen could refuse allowing a mentenance for a daughter of King Jamesis, esspetially a lady unmarryd whos portion was so gevin as not to be out of ye power of the Crown tell she arrived at the aige of eighteen. I have spoke of this matter often enough to his Majesty not to mistake him, noe more then it was possible for him to be insensable of the obligation lay upon him not to leave King James daughter eather to the charrity of y^e^ parish or to be a burdon to her mother's fortune, what I askt was noe more then was ever given. I shall onely instance a very late example, M^is^ Craufts had as much allowed her for the mentenance of y^e^ Lady Mary Tudor,* and afterwards it was allowd upon the same score to the countis of Marschall, both by King Charles and King James, and duly payd, S^r^ Stephen Fox, and all that waire then in the Tresury knows how those matters went; tis not the contenewance of a pention now, but the arreare of what was promist me long agoe that I solicit for. I mentaind my daughter sutable to what I was told would be allowd me, the arrere is above 7,000^p^, the disopointment of it would ruing my fammely. I dare hope the King will not use me

* A natural daughter of King Charles II., by Mrs. Mary Davis.

so cruilly, if it waire but for ye sake of Lord Portmore, who his Majesty knows has not had opertunitis to inritch himself in ye service. My Lords, I desire youl so favour my just pretentions as to propose some way to his Majesty that I may be payd in some competent time the some due to me, and that I may recieve part of it now, which my Lords will be ever acknowlidgd as a very graat obligation by

"Yr Lordships'
"humble servant,
"DORCHESTER."

Docquetted—"Meml. Counts Dorchester."
Minuted:—"Kensington, 14th Jan. 1701–2.
"Nothing is ordered."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 63, 12 Nov. 1701, is:—
"Countess of Dorchester. She challenges a promise the
"King knows nothing of."

In the same *Minute Book*, p. 212, 8 July 1702, is:—

"Countess of Dorchester prays payment of the arrear due to her on 1,600li *p ann.*, bounty promised her by the late King & Queene, for the maintenance of her daughter, the Lady Anglesey, before her marriage, being as she alledges upwards of 6,600*l.*, and that the arrears of the quitt rents contained in the grant of 3,500 li. *p ann.* in Ireland may be collected and paid to her assignees, and she allowed for such of them as are desperate, according to her grant in that behalfe."

"Her Maty is not in circumstances to take consideration of arrears of this kind."

DR. TITUS OATES.

Attention was drawn in the Preface to the former Volume to papers relating to the well-known Dr. Titus Oates. He here fully details the barbarous sentence which he partially underwent (Vol. XLIX., 32). Thanks to a good constitution and a skilful surgeon he survived to trouble the Treasury for several years. At times, according to his own account, he suffered from destitution, and had not clothes worthy to appear before His Majesty (Vol. XLIV., 60), but succeeded, as is shown by these Papers,

and by other Treasury records, in obtaining what may be supposed to have helped to heal his wounds in the shape of various sums of money. He enjoyed a pension of 40*l.* a month from 1689 to 1692. He then endured some privation for the next few years, but besides minor sums 500*l.* were ordered by the Treasury on 15 July 1698, to pay his debts, and 300*l.* a year for his and his wife's life. (See *Treasury Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 206). This was no doubt more satisfactory to him than the novel reversal of his sentence, proposed by the Lord President in the House of Lords, who said that the only reversal of his sentence he would assent to, was, that as he had been whipped from Aldgate to Tyburn, he should be whipped from Tyburn to Aldgate.

The letters from Mr. Blathwayt, the Secretary for War, to Mr. Lowndes give a clear insight into many of the matters that occupied the King's mind as to the financial arrangements for the army during the summer of 1697, when there was evidently a difficulty as to the supplies.

The following, to Mr. Lowndes, will be found in Vol. XLVI., No. 69 :—

"Camp att Cockleberg,

"Sir, the $\frac{15}{25}$ July 1697.

"His Majesty having agreed with some undertakers, for the providing imediatly a magazine att Gand and elsewhere, consisting of two million of rations, on condition that that there be forthwith paid to them by advance, the sume of thirty thousand pounds sterl., and a deposite made att the same time in a third hand, of ticketts or tallies upon the malt, for thirty thousand pounds sterl. more ; to be made use of by them (in case they be not otherwise satisfied) in March next ; the interest of those tickets or tallies being reserved to His Majesty. And it being absolutely necessary that these conditions be complied with on our parts, His Majty commands me to signify his express pleasure, that care be taken by the Lords of ye Treasury, to make an immediate remittance of the first

mentioned summ, and that y^e^ deposite of the tickets or tallies be likewise made, in the hands of a third person, as above mentioned for the satisfaction of the contractors; without which, neither they nor any other persons, will undertake the making the necessary magazine, for the subsistence of our horse in their winter quarters.

"I am, S^r^,

"yo^r^ most humble serv^t^,

"Wm. Blathwayt.

"The reason of this great advance and security, so much beyond what has been demanded for former years, is occasion'd by the loss of our credit, which makes it absolutely necessary that the foregoing conditions be complied with."

Mr. Macky [a coast surveyor at Harwich], says that in 1692 he made the first discovery of the descent designed by the French from Le Hogue, and on his information Admiral Russell went out and burnt the French fleet; he also seized Mr. Francis le Rue at Harwich, coming from France with credentials from King James, and sometime after Mrs. Aldridge, with 112 letters in a double-bottomed box, all written from St. Germains, whom, with several others, he sent up prisoners with their papers to Mr. Secretary Trenchard. (*See* Vol. XLIII., 67.)

The Czar Peter the Great.

Some curious particulars are afforded of the manner in which the Czar Peter the Great, and the persons who accompanied him passed their time, whilst on their visit to this country in the spring of the year 1698. Vice-Admiral John Benbow was then tenant of a house and gardens called Sayes Court at Deptford, which he held from the well-known John Evelyn, Esq. The Czar became the tenant of the Vice-Admiral, who let the house to him, as he says in his petition (Vol. LIII., 4), with all the furniture as it stood, "supposing it might be "a pleasure to his good master the King," and that the Czar "would have used his house, goods, and gardens

" otherwise than he finds he hath, which are in so bad a " condition that he can scarcely describe it." The mischief done was very extensive, in fact, there is quite a catalogue of the destruction, much larger than it might be supposed by the amount, 350*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, at which it was than valued. Of this sum Sir Christopher Wren recommended 162*l.* 7*s.* to be apportioned to Mr. Evelyn (Benbow's term [of three years] having nearly expired), 158*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to the petitioner and 30*l.* to a poor man named Russell, whose house was ruined by the "guards." The damage was of such a nature as must have resulted from the recklessness of persons leading the most disorderly lives. Indeed, these papers supply undeniable evidence (at least for this period of his life) for Macauley's strong remarks in relation to the Czar (*History of England*, Vol. V., pp. 78 and 79), that "with all the high qualities which " were peculiar to himself, he had all the filthy habits " which were then common among his countrymen. To " the end of his life, while disciplining armies, founding " schools, framing codes, organizing tribunals, building " cities in deserts, joining distant seas by artificial rivers, " he lived in his palace like a hog in a sty; and when " he was entertained by other sovereigns never failed to " leave on their tapestried walls and velvet state beds " unequivocal proof that a savage had been there."

Amongst the numerous articles destroyed and injured were "Twenty fine pictures very much torn and the " frames all broke, 10.00.00," and "severall fine draughts " and other designes relateing to the sea, lost, vallued " by the Admirall at £50 0 0." In a note at p. xi. of the preface to *Memoirs illustrative of the life and writings of John Evelyn, Esq.*, F.R.S., edited by William Bray, Esq., F.S.A., "it is said that one of Czar Peter's favourite recre- " ations was to demolish the hedges by riding through

" them in a wheelbarrow ;" whether that were so or not, certain it is that in the " Account of damages done to the " building and fences by the Czar of Moscovy," there is a claim of one pound for three wheelbarrows broken and lost.

The office of works was ordered to pay the whole amount.

Other sums of 1,500*l.* and 300*l.* had been ordered by the Treasury to be issued to the Cofferer of the Household in the previous December and January for the reception of the Czar and his court. (*See* Treasury *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., pp. 83 and 85.)

Some idea may be formed of the amount of attention given by the King to the discharge of his administrative duties from three papers marked A., B., and C. (Vol. LV., No. 3) which were brought under his Majesty's consideration on 18 July 1698. Mr. Lowndes evidently attended the King with them at Kensington. One of the three was read *to* the King, and another *by* him, as appears by memoranda at the head, in Lowndes's hand, and in the margin are the minutes, made in the same hand, of what the King ordered to be done. Thus about 140 separate matters appear to have been considered and determined by His Majesty on this 18th of July 1698.*

The following paper (Vol. XLIX., No. 17.) relating to an enquiry into the proceedings of the Excise Commission at which the King presided, shows the observations made by him as well as of other persons present.

It is entered also in the *Minute Book* on 29 Nov. 1697, Vol. VIII., p. 60, and is there entitled in the margin, " Hearing before the King about mismanagem[t] in the " Excise."

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* Amongst his arduous duties it is pleasant to find him sending to the Queen of Sweden a present of " Goddard's drops," to the value of 60*l.*, in addition to some of the " Countess of Kent's powder." Vol. LI., No. 6.

"Kensington, 22 [*sic*] Nov. 1697, forenoon.

Present:

The King.

His H[ighness] P[rince] G[eorge].

Arch Bp Cant.	E. Sunderld.
Lord Chr.	E. Rumney.
D. Devon.	E. Orford.
D. Shrewsbury.	Mr. Secry Trumbul.
Earl Dorset.	5 Comrs of Treŕy.
E. Portd.	

"Mr. Chancr reads the deduction of the matters wch have appeard to the Lords of ye Treŕy in their exaic̃ons concerning the Excise, with all the memlls, minutes, and other papers concern[ing] the same as they are numbered to No 19 incl[usive].

"The K. saies the Excise is fallen, he does not wonder now he hears all this. There is no occasion against Baber for corrupcion, but that he is unfitt.

"Fox. Its impossible that as long ye Comon is thus divided the service should be carryd on.

"Littleton. Most of ye mismanagemt between ye Revol. & 1694.

"Pelham. In 1694, Mr Clerk came into ye Comon, & he chiefly (tho others have joyned) has inquired to reform these affaires.

"Shrewsbury. Before 1684 an agreemt of all to mismanage; since, they are divided in ye mismanagemt.

"Sunderl. Clerk, Danvers, & Onslow were putt in, to rectifie ye mismanagemt, but it seems they have not been able.

"King. I alwaies suspected misman[agement], now it appears very plaine.

"Smith. Everard was advanced to do service in ye Revenue, and has done it. That he uses to signe in a print hand.

"K. Who is Noel?

"N. [?]. He gives 5,000l a piece wth [his] daught[ers] & intends to leave his son 2000li a year.

"K. I dont wonder at it.

"Chancr. Wilcox is dead & may take a good share of ye accus[ation]; Hornby is removed. In our exãcon we did not find comon care has been used. One orderd a man should not be charged wth the duty. A greater crime cannot be. Everard

advanced ye London Brewery 20,000li, & great indeavrs were used agt him, & on recomcon His Matv putt him in. Our inquirys have been imptial, but things are come to that head its hard to apply remedy without His Mats help.

"K. I orderd this exãiĉon, & tis yor province.

"Ch. Baber did not execute well.

"Litt. Mr. Att. Sollr & Comrs all agreed he did not pforme as he ought.

"K. Noel may be fitt for ye place, but ye place is not fitt for him.

"D. Devon. The Comon of Excise should be of men honest & able & such as agree among themselves.

"Lord Chr. When ye last alteracon, it was made because they were all too well agreed to lower ye Revenue. The effect of putting in 2 or 3 appeares.

"K. The Com[missi]on must be alterd.

"Sund. There is no body can believe Danvers, a Jacobite.

"K. Lds to proceed in exãiaĉon & in ye mean time Lds to present how the Comon should be continued."

Some particulars of the fitting out by the Scotch of the ill-fated expedition to the Isthmus of Darien will be found under 27 June and 21 July 1698 (Vol. LIV., 17, and LV., 9). Their destination was evidently not then known in London. They sailed on 16 July 1698. (*See* the *Darien Papers* printed by the Bannatyne Club, p. 178.)

The paper of 27 June and its enclosure are here given :—

"To the Right Honble ye Lords Commrs of His Mats Treãry.

"Presentment.

"Custom-house, Lond°, 27 June 1698.

"By the Commrs for managing & causing to be leavyed & collected his Mãts. customs, subsidies & other duties.

"The Commrs doe herewith humbly lay before their Lordp copie of an information which they have lately received from their agent in Scotland concerning several ships of great burthen preparing to be sent out from thence with a great number of souldiers & tradesmen, and all sorts of comodities & provisions designed as is supposed for the north parts of America.

"And it seeming by the sending four governors or councellors upon the said ships that the Scotch are making some settlements in those parts, w^ch being of soe great moment with respect to the trade & navigation & revenue of customs in this kingdome the Comm^rs thought proper for their Lord^ps notice for such measures to be taken therein as their Lord^ps shall think a matter of such importance may deserve.

"SAM. CLARKE.
C. GODOLPHIN.
WALTER YONGE.
H. HOBART.
ROB^T. HENLEY."

"May it please your Honours,

"Concerning the Affrica affairs, they are now making all in readiness for their voyage (vizt.): Three large ships of about five and six hundred tonns each of them, the one called the Saint Andrew, forty four gunns, two decks, Capt. John Brown, Comander, but its said hath laid downe his commission upon some differences arising from the company and him; the other called the Calledonia, Capt. Drommond, comand^r, about the same force. The other called the Union, Capt. Pinkerton, comander, with a snoe of eight gunns, an attender with an English built Pink, about a hundred tonns, one John Malloch, comander; its thought they may saile within fourteen dayes and by the most probable conjectures design for y^e north parts at the back of America; they are mightily stored w^th all sorts of comodities and provisions, and judged will take a thousand or twelve hundred soldiers and tradesmen with them They have four principall governours or councellors goes with them.

"Leith, 18 June 1698."

The following petition is from a person who was employed as a spy on the projected Invasion of England in 1695 (Vol. LXI., No. 33.):—

"To the King's most excellent Ma^tie is humbly presented the case of John Writtle, marrin^r.

"That he was born and hath ever since lived on the coast of Kent; was from his infancy bred up to the sea, and in the owling trade, in w^ch he hath had as great a share, and as master made as many or more voyages to and from France, as any man on that coast.

"That having wholy declined the same, as being convinced of its pernicious and destructive effect to the Government and his countrey, he was the first man that discovered the ways and means for suppressing the same, w^ch^ have been put in practice, and hath in a manner wholy destroyed those evills through the coasts of Kent and Sussex.

"That having given sufficient testimonies of his sincere affection to his Ma^ty^ and this Government, w^ch^ in the year 1695 was designed to be invaded from Callis, &c., he was on the 5^th^ of August 1695 recommended to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ the Lord Chancellor, as a fitt person to send over to France to give an acco^t^ of the designs and posture of the enemie, which he accepted to perform, and was promised to be very well rewarded, and had orders to follow the directions of M^r^ James Chadwick, deceased, then member for Dover, and son-in-law to the late Arch bishopp of Canterbury, w^ch^ he did accordingly.

"And on the 11^th^ of August 1695 went for Callis, betwixt w^ch^ and the 11^th^ of Feb: next following, he went and return'd three times, running the aparent hazard of his life each time; being in with the intended invaders, by stealth gott letters out of parcells made up to be sent for England, by other hands, and brought them over with the first and most certain intelligence of men and things relating to the said intended invasion, to the very great service and satisfaction of your Ma^ty^ and your ministers, as is well known to the L^d^ Chancellor, M^r^ Secretary Vernon, and others; all which he hath perform'd att his own charge, and therein expended w^t^ money he had or could borrow, as he also afterwards did, in the detection of the owlers and smuglers, their accomplices and abettors, many of whom (viz^t^), Paine, Hunt, Nowell, &c., were by him taken, and with many others convicted," &c., &c.

This was referred by an order in Council of 18 May 1699, to the Lords of the Treasury, which recommended him for some better employment as a recompense for his services. It is *minuted*:—"Read 22 Jun. 1699. My "Lords can doe nothing upon this."

The Post Office.

Many papers will be found touching this important Government Department. An interesting report on the

subject of foreign letters, dated 27 April 1699 may be read in Vol. LX. No. 77. Public opinion, so far as it was shadowed forth in the Post-master's Report of that day, agreed very exactly, not only with public opinion of our own day, but with its practical application in the cheap conveyance of letters. The report in question states that it had "been found by experience in the office here, that "the easy and cheap corresponding doth encourage "people to write letters, and that this revenue was but "little in proportion to what it now is till the postage of "letters was reduced from six pence to three pence." The loose manner in which the letters were collected for America is also worthy of remark, viz., by bags lodged by masters of vessels in the coffee houses, the depositors being at liberty to rummage and thereby become acquainted with the contents of the bags.

A petition of the mayor, aldermen, clergy, and others of the city of Exeter, for the extension of the Post from Bristol to Wooton-under-Edge, gives the following amongst other reasons for the boon :—

"There runs a post from London to Glocester, thro' Cirencester, from whence there is a branch thro' Tedbury to Wotton-under-Edge, which is within 14 miles of Bristol. This post from London to Glocester passeth through Abington, takes in there a post from Oxford: so y^{t} if a stage be establish'd betwixt Bristol & Wotton-under-Edge, w^{ch} would not cost above 30 pounds *per ann.*, there would, according to y^{e} best computation y^{t} can be made, be above 150 pounds *per ann.* more advantage to y^{e} Post Office, by such letters as are now all convey'd by carrier. And experience hath shewed us y^{t} such posts as have been setled, tho' at first they may not yeild so considerable a revenue, yett they daily increase, in regard all people finding y^{e} speedy & safe conveyance by y^{e} post, do much rather choose to send their letters that way, then by carrier, when posts are known & regularly fix'd * * *.

They further say that, "From Cyrencester to Exeter is about 90 miles; between w^{ch} places is a great & constant trade for wool,

and w^t letters are sent from Cyrencester to Exeter by way of London, go at least 220 miles: so y^t to have an answer to such letters, requires near a fortnight, & by y^e carrier it is y^e same; whereas if this by-post was establish'd, an answer might be had in 4 days, and y^e same may be s^d for y^e other towns, w^ch lye about these stages.'" (*See* about 16 June 1699. Vol. LXII., 21.)

Scientific and Literary Pursuits.

The eminent philosopher and astronomer, Edmund Halley, conceived that he had discovered the true cause of the variation of the compass, and had obtained a small vessel from the Lords of the Admiralty to make experiments, in remote parts, proper to ascertain the theory of magnetical direction. On his petition for the very moderate sum of 100*l*., the same was allowed, to make use of foreign ports, and take with him the required instruments, such as clocks, telescopes, &c. (*See* Vol. LVI., No. 31, 20 Sept. 1698.)

Among the many great and abstruse subjects which occupied the mind of this gifted man, this was evidently a favourite, for whilst a school-boy he is said to have made observations on the variation of the magnetic needle, and the subject occupied his thoughts a great deal in after life. (*See Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary*, Vol. XVII., pp. 71 and 75.)

In a paper under date 27 Feb. 1700-1 (Vol. LXXII., No. 57) there are notices of two eminent men, viz., Dr. John Wallis, the mathematician, who was one of the first members of the Royal Society, and Dr. Thomas Hyde, a learned writer and Oriental scholar. He was also Keeper of the Bodleian Library. The former was engaged in teaching the art of deciphering and the latter in instructing youths in the Arabic and Turkish languages. Both came to the Treasury for rewards for their trouble.

Statistics.

The highest rental which the lands of Roger o' Shagnassy would fetch in Ireland in the year 1697 was 2*s.* an acre. (*See* 30 Dec. 1697, Vol. L., No. 14.)

The Governor of New York on 21 Sept. 1698 (p. 212), writes that food and clothing were treble the price of the same in England, and again on 21 Oct. (p. 229), that land in the Jerseys could be bought at 5*l.* for 100 acres; and land in the province of New York cost 4*l.* 10*s.* per acre to clear, being all wooded.

In a proposal for raising 112,500*l.* *per ann.* by a duty on hats, the population of England and Wales is estimated at seven millions; each of whom would wear out a hat in a year. The paper is undated, but is probably a little before the year 1700. (*See* Vol. LXVI., No. 50.)

This estimate pretty nearly tallies with that given in *Angliæ Notitia, or the Present State of England*, in 1702, by Edw. Chamberlayne, LL.D.

Topography.

The following interesting documents (Vol. LIV., No. 46) illustrate the topography of Westminster as well as the sagacity of the great architect, or rather surveyor of works, as he was then called, Sir Christopher Wren. The churchwardens and inhabitants of St. Margaret's, Westminster, petitioned to have the clock house and bell sold for the benefit of the poor; the parish being in debt about 2,000*l.* The King gave them what they asked. There is a warrant granting the bell and all the materials of the building to the churchwardens in the King's *Warrant Book*, Vol. 12, p. 530. They afterwards obtained a lease for 31 years, of the ground whereon the clock house stood, as it would seem, to erect a charity school for the

poor children of the parish. (*See Letter Book*, Vol. 10, p. 258.)

"To the King's most excellent Majᵗʸ.

"The humble petiĉon of the Churchwardens and Inhabitants of Sᵗ Margᵗᵗ, Westminster.

"Humbly sheweth,

"That the poor of the said parish have increased so much of late years that they are now indebted abᵗ 2,000ˡⁱ, the interest whereof is very burthensome to the inhabitants, who are so impoverisht that it will be impossible for them to pay the principall. But that (*sic*) would aleviate yoʳ petʳˢ in some measure therein would be by yoʳ Maᵗˢ being graciously pleased to bestow on them the old clock house and bell thereof, called Great Tomm of Westminster, by which act of charity your Majᵗʸ would put a great many people out of danger of their lives, who inhabit under the same, it being so decayed and ruinous; least by its falling downe it should destroy them.

"Yoʳ petʳˢ therefore most humbly pray yoʳ Majᵗʸ for reasons aforesaid, that you would be pleased to grant your warrant to the said churchwardens, to have the said clock house and bell sold for the use of the poor of the said parish.

"And yoʳ petʳ shall ever pay, &c."

[Refferred by letter of Mʳ Wᵐ Lowndes to Sir Chʳ Wrenn], whose report follows.

"May it please yʳ Lᵖᵖ[ˢ].

"In obedience to your Lᵖᵖˢ reference upon the petition of the churchwardens of Sᵗ Margaret's, Westminster, praying a warrant to have the clock house and bell sold for the use of their poor, I have viewed, inquired, and considered of the same, and in pursuance of the severall parts of your Lᵖᵖˢ reference; 1ˢᵗ, that I should give a trew state of the same; 2ᵈˡʸ, the value of what is desired; 3ᵈˡʸ, my opinion what is fitt to be done. I humbly certifie: 1ˢᵗ. That the houses or little tenements risen by connivance from booths, are so built about the tower, that it can neither be repared nor pulled downe without a strong scaffold built over such slight houses to preserve them; these tenements being upon the wast of the Pallace, I suppose are part of Mʳ Hall's great

lease; the present landlady of them is an old lady living in Northamptonshire, as I am informed, and the reversion in a laweyer. The present tenants, though forewarned very often of the danger, willingly runne the riske of their lives, because for that reason they pay litle or noe rent; but I suppose the Tower itselfe can be no part of the wast, and was alwayes esteemed by our office as incumbent upon us to repare, but by reason of the antiquity and these impediments, wee could do litle towards it. Yet about 18 years past a designe was given to King Charles, and seconded by the then Lord Cheif Justices and other eminent lawyers to new case it with ashler, and to put a lanterne upon it, to raise the bell higher, and to make a new clock; and as I remember, the estimate of this designe was about 1,500li. It would have been usefull to the terme, and very ornamentall to this part of the town, but no order was then given.

"2dly. As to the valew of what is desired, I question whither the materialls of the Tower will pay for the scaffold and dammages that may happen to the houses, and the charge of taking downe and carrying of rubbish. The bell I have viewed, and by guesse as it stands, and by compareing it with other great bells which I know, take to be two tunns in weight, which at 8d p pound (the highest price I can, upon inquiry amongst the founders, find will be given for old metall) will amount to 149li 6s 8d. It is a large but thin bell, of an excellent tone, and cannot prove to be neer three tunns, and if it should be three tunns, will amount at most to 224li.

"3rdly. As to my opinion what is fitt to be done. Your Lps are the best judges how the petitioners may be relieved as deserving your compassion; yet pardon your surveyour, if out of duty, he modestly aske whither it be better to pull downe a public building upon so small a consideration, or to repare it with advantage to the beauty of the towne, which would most certainly be done in any of our neighbour countries, who are more sensible then wee, that to adorne their towns, is a lasting benefit to the poor; but this is said with the utmost submission to your Lps wisdome.

"Chr. Wren,

"July 11th 1698."

(Minuted.)

"11 July 1698.

"The K. will give this to the poor of Westmr."

Trade and Commerce.

In 1697, Sir Thomas Lane and Sir John Moore, Knts., William Penn, and others, on behalf of the proprietors of East and West Jersey, state that King Charles II. granted them the liberty to constitute maritime and other officers, and to make and elect ports in those provinces; and thereupon they had constituted the towns of Amboy in East Jersey, and the towns of Burlington, Salem, and Cape May, in West Jersey, to be ports for lading and unlading merchandise; and notwithstanding the provinces were no ways dependent, or part of the province of New York, yet the collectors there presumed to make all ships and vessels bound to the Jerseys come to New York to unlade or pay customs there, which they were advised was illegal, and discouraged the trade. They prayed to enjoy the liberty of their own ports for the lading and unlading goods.

The Commissioners of Customs in London, to whom the petition was referred, reported that the inhabitants of New York had granted a certain revenue to the Crown of England for the defence of that province, arising by an impost or custom on imported and exported goods, on Indian trading, on goods carried by Hudson's River to Albany, and excise of liquors retailed. The collector of those duties had demanded the same on all goods belonging to East and West Jerseys, coming within the river of New York, called Hudson's River, which, being about a mile and a half over, divides the Jerseys from New York, being, as he alleged, agreeable to former practice before his time. The Commissioners referred the matter to the Lords of the Treasury, as those duties did not come under their consideration; but their Lordships dismissed the

petition on reading the report of the Commissioners of Trade. (*See* 31 Aug. 1697, Vol. XLVII., No. 46.)

Something may be gleaned for the history of the trade of the port of London from the papers in Vol. XLVIII., No. 41*b*. The wharfingers, land surveyors, and land waiters were charged with being in confederacy so to mix up the goods on the different quays between Tower Wharf and London Bridge, that the payment of the duty might be avoided, and so by smuggling for the merchants they would enrich themselves. Although all the papers are interesting, perhaps the following may serve best to show the nature of the charge that was made against them. It is docquetted "Memoriall to the Lords of the "Treasury touching a confederacy between the wharf-"ingers, land-surveyors, and land-waiters." The Commissioners of Customs had less to object to the wharfingers than they had to the other two bodies.

"August 9th, 1697.

"It is well known that the lawfull keys are by virtue of the King's Commission, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, set out and bounded with posts placed at a convenient distance, not to hinder men's passing from key to key, but to prevent the rouling away or running of goods from off the keys where landed and intermix them with other goods of the same kinds upon the adjoyning keys, purposely to avoyd the payment of the duty, by which practice great frauds were formerly comitted by the wharfingers, who never were freinds to the revenue. And this was the true cause why (upon the execucon of that commission) those ports were so sett and ordered for ye bounding every particular key, as above said.

"And it is morally impossible when the keys lye open for the landwayters to prevent those abuses, but especially upon great glutts of shipping, when the keys are crowded with business. And yet of late, by a generall consent of ye wharfingers, all those ports and boundaryes are puld up, and the keys now lye open from Tower Wharfe to London Bridge, and they are all entered into a

combination, and have united themselves into a body, as if they were incorporated, and have also agreed that what mony does arrive by wharfage shall be brought into one comon stock, and the profitts equally devided, by which they will have it greatly in their power, from the assistance they will have from one another, to smuggle for the merchants and enrich themselves out of the King's pockett; and this combinacon is become the more dangerous by the friendship they have lately made with the surveyors and landwayters, who, according to their president, have also entered into a firme compact and agreement with one another, to devide all their fees at the water side, and seizures, equally between them; the sueveyors to have such a part and the landwayters such a part, so that whether they are appointed or not appointed, make any seizure or not, they are to have their shares out of the comon stock, and when the charges are deducted the rest is to be divided as above every month, which is against all former methods of the managem^{t} of the customes, removes all manner of checques at the waterside, and makes them all partners in frauds as well as in fees, and is together so strong a combination against the King's real interest and service, that in my opinion it well deserves a present remedy."

The East India Company, by their charter, had been compelled to export 100,000*l.* worth of English goods every year, the draperies forming part of the same, not being in demand in India, had to be sold in Persia, which was prejudicial to the Turkey Company. The report of the Board of Trade, dated 9 Aug. 1698 (Vol. LV., No. 26), recommended that they should be compelled to export a tenth part of the value of their exports only, in woollen goods, and that the draperies should not be vended in Persia.

It would seem that considerable quantities of corn, meal, biscuit, and bread were exported from England before the year 1690 to America; but from that time, instead of our exporting to them, they had a redundancy, and Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands were wholly supplied with corn from the northern plantations of

New England and Pennsylvania, and indeed it had become a settled trade. (*See* 17 Nov. 1698, Vol. LVII., No. 58.)

The same report and papers show that the slaves on their passage from Africa to the plantations were fed upon the substantial if not savoury food of beans, and the African Company were complaining that obstructions were put in the way of their obtaining the beans by the Commissioners of Customs, which would prove an entire obstruction to that Company in carrying on their trade, and a great prejudice to the plantations for want of their supply of negroes.

The following touches on the right of search of foreign ships visiting our ports. (*See* Vol. LX., No. 5.)

"My Lords, "Whitehall, 6 March 1698–9.

"His Majty commands me to acquaint you that the Lords Chief Justices and the Lord Chief Baron, with the Attorney and Sollicitor Generall, as also the judges of the Admiralty and Prerogative Court, having been advised with, upon the cases of forreign ships that have been lately visited in our ports, upon pretence of searching for wool, when they came in onely for shelter, against stress of weather, and had no intention either of taking in goods or unlading here, but were bound homewards with the goods they had bought in forreign markets. It being their opinion that, for the remedying thereof for the future, His Majty may give orders to his officers not to visit forreign ships so coming into our ports, but by virtue of a speciall warrant upon information, or for other just cause. "It is His Majties pleasure that your Lordps send directions to the Commissioners of the Customes accordingly.

"I am, [&c.]

"James Vernon."

Travelling and Conveyance.

William Mathews, deputy postmaster of Oxford, in his petition (Vol. XLV., No. 46), which was referred to the

Postmasters-General on 11 May 1697, and reported on by them on the 20th of that month, states as follows, viz. :—

"That your petitioner having received an order from y^e^ Post M^r^ General to send up all such clipt hammer'd money as he had rec'd for postage of letters before the 18^th^ of Novem^r^ last, so as it might be paid into y^e^ General office before the 18^th^ of Decem^r^, your petit^r^ did send by the barge, w^ch^ carries goods from Oxford to London, 200^li^, (that being the most safe conveyance), but a great frost then hapning, whereby the said barges were locked up in the river for several weeks, the said 200^li^ was not paid to y^e^ said Receiv^r^ Generall till after the said 18^th^ day of Decem^r^; so that the same is not applied to yo^r^ petit^r's^ credit by tale, but by weight only, at 5^s^/8^d^ per ounce [according to the Act 8 Will. III. c. 2], which reduces the said 200^li^ to 164^li^. 8^s^. 1^d^, so that yo^r^ petit^r^ is in danger of losing y^e^ remainder, being 35^li^. 11^s^. 11^d^. unless relieved by your Lo^ps^."

The following paper (Vol. LXIX., No. 20), gives some additional information to that afforded in the preface to the former volume of this Calendar, p. lii., as to messengers charges :—

"Allowances for the severall services of Messengers and Articles of their Bills.

"For keeping a prisoner close, with diet, 6^s^ 8^d^ per day.

"Keeping a prisoner close that finds his own diet, 5^s^ per day.

"Post journys to be allow'd 6^d^ every post mile, & 2^s^ each stage, and tho' two or more go together, no more to be allowed than 2^s^ a stage.

"Journys to fetch prisoners & the like, when they do not ride post, to be allow'd, but by the computed miles of the country, 6^d^ per mile & 2^s^ a stage.

"A messenger's allowance when abroad on journys, 10^s^ a day; 5^s^ for an assistant, when an extraordinary case requires one.

"When prisoners thro' poverty cannot find themselves an horse, the messenger to be allow'd 3^d^ per mile for bringing them up.

"The allowance whilst attending the King abroad and not travailling, 5^s^ a day.

"Nothing to be allowed for searching, and expences on guards and constables in taking prisoners to be allow'd with caution, in respect to time & difficulty of the service, by the respective offices which pass the bills.

"No allowance for delivering summons, nor anything to be charged for carrying messages or letters within the libertys of London and Westminster.

"Some journys to be ascertained at the old allowances :—

To Windsor - - - -	1 18 00
To Hampton Court - - -	1 00 00
To Richmond - - - -	0 15 00
To Greenwich - - - -	0 10 00
To the Hague - - - -	25 00 00
To Dublin - - - -	30 00 00
To Kensington - - -	0 03 04

"An the like allowance for all like distances."

"June 3d 1700.

"I think these allowances are reasonable.

"Jersey. J. VERNON."

Minuted :—"Approved."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following petition (Vol. XLVIII., No. 28), which their Lordships referred to Sir Christopher Wren on 20 Oct. 1697 to report upon, shows the state of the King's library at St. James's :—

"The petition of Richard Bentley, Library Keeper to His Majesty, humbly setteth forth,—

"That His Majesties library at St. James's is not only very much out of repair, to the great damage of many valuable manuscripts by dust and filth, but is likewise too little to receive all ye books; so that above two thousand volumes ly on ye floor, and all ye rest are, in a manner, useless; and above a thousand pounds worth are lodged abroad, in danger of being spoild or lost, wch were never yet brought into the library, for want of room. Your petitioner thinks it the duty of his place to represent this to your Lordships, and to request your Lordships to make some provision for the speedy repair and augmentation of ye said library."

The search for the precious metals has occupied so much attention in the present generation, that some of the particulars of what would appear to have been an unsuc-

cessful expedition nearly two centuries back may be interesting. Captain Richard Long, commander of the King's prize ship "Rupert," petitioned the King in Jan. 1697–8 (Vol. LI., No. 30) for an immediate order on the Lords of the Treasury for a warrant of credit for 150*l.*, that he might fit out such artists in metals as he had contracted with to go with him to America, and to buy quicksilver, utensils, and necessaries, as well as some cloth and ironwork to gratify the natives; without which his great hopes might be disappointed; he had already expended what he had received from His Majesty as well as all he had of his own; and in answer to his petition he obtained from the Lords of the Treasury 50*l.* in lottery tickets, with this ominous addition to their minute, to "have nothing more." The captain again petitioned (Vol. LVIII., No. 51) for a balance of 77*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* due to him for expenses about this expedition, which extended to Jamaica and the Gulf of Darien; and he gives his account of receipts and expenses, and the following is the creditor side of the account :—

"p Stephen Tremellin, a Cornish minor, for fitting him out - - - - -	5	0	0
p John Batterell, d°, for his maintainance before y^e^ shipp was fitted, & he left me - -	2	12	0
p Thomas Demshe, a goldsmith, for fitting him out, and some necessarys to try experiments -	7	10	9
p Wm. Kendrick, for a furnesse to melt mettles -	5	3	0
p John Kemp, liveing neare Charing Cross, for fluxes to try experim^ts^ on mettles - -	2	5	0
p iron worke bought of M^r^ Plumstead, in Grace-church Streete - - - -	8	14	3
p charges at the Exchеq^r^ two severall times getting y^e^ bills out - - - - -	7	10	0
p two red coates to p̄sent to the Indians - -	2	14	0

p 2c weight of shott p do - - - -	1	2	0
p 1 gun sold to the Darien Indians, and (*sic*) sent the gold home to his Majty - - -	1	2	0
p 450 gallons of rum bought of Coll Peter Beckford, of Jamaica, to treate the Indians, at 1s 8d p gallon - - - - -	37	8	0
p 1,400 do mussco sugar bought of do for do, at 17s 6d - - - - -	12	5	0
p a hhd to putt the sugar in - - -	0	10	0
p expences going into the country to buy it & getting it on board - - - -	7	0	0
p Ozenbriggs (*sic*) bought for do - - -	4	10	0
p 4 p. druggetts bought of Capt. Elliott, ct 280 yds, at 7d p yd - - - - -	8	3	4
p 1 puntion of beife & pork, together 170 ps, at 7d p ps - - - - -	5	4	2
p 5c weight of bread - - - -	2	13	1
p some beads and hatts, bought of John Carver, of Jamaica, who went with me to the Gulph of Darien for recreation - - -	5	0	0
In the mountains in Jamaica there is a rich bath, and ye colour of the stones there is different from them in any other part of ye island, & it was generally believed there was some mine there, and by advice of Sr Wm Beefton [(*sic*) Beeston] the Govr being, I had 2 men that was skilled in mettles, I went up ; going up I paid ye guide 20s & his provisions, 5s - -	1	5	0
Since I came home by ordr of the Lds Comitty for Trade, I drew up an accot of the Gulph of Darien, pd the scrivener of the Admiralty, a coppie of the same with some additions, I psent to yor Lordps - - - -	1	0	0
p 4li quicksilver to try experience (*sic*) to gether mettle out of sand - - - -	1	0	0
p crucibles to trye experimts to melt mettles -	0	10	0
p flints to give the Indians - - -	0	15	0

p fishing lines & fish hookes for d° - -	1	10	0
In the month of March 1697, I rec^{d} ord^{rs} from his Maj^{ty} by his Grace y^{e} Duke of Shrewsbury and the R^{t} Hono^{ble} M^{r} Secretary Vernon that I should waite, and that his Maj^{ty} was resolved to imploy me, but I had no shipp in possion till 10th December '97, so my expence was in that time at least - - -	60	0	0
	192	6	7

This, as above mentioned, appears to have been an unsuccessful search, for in a third petition (Vol. LXXV., No. 48) he says that although he had *not brought a present treasure* into the nation, yet if there should happen a war with Spain, it would be proved that he had done the nation a great service, and some material things which were never known in England before, were then lying before His Majesty which would not be convenient to be publicly known. His petition was answered by their Lordships that they could not put the King to any further charge.

The petition of Mary Norridge (Vol. LXXII., No. 48), of the date about 20 Feb. 1700-1, will be read with interest. It illustrates the vicissitudes of human life and is only one of many instances in which the dawn began happily, but became troubled as the day of existence went on, and was not more cheerful at its close. The lady, as her petition states, was a daughter of a colonel in the army, who exhausted his estate to the extent of 10,000*l.* for King Charles I., was wounded and imprisoned, and having undertaken a very perilous service for the King, in venturing into Hull in the disguise of a blind decrepit old woman, received profuse promises from him and his successor, but nothing more. The petitioner

was descended from the "Duncans of Scotland" on her father's side, and on her mother's from Viscount Loftus of Ely, who was Lord Chancellor of Ireland. She was also related to Lord Lisburne, their English residence having been Middleham Castle, Yorkshire. When she presented her petition, she and her sister were exposed to get their own livelihood. My Lords looked coldly on the petitioner, for their minute was, that they could not advise the doing anything upon the petition. The papers contain other interesting particulars. The following is a part of the petition:—

"To the King's most excellent Ma^{ty} in Councill.

"The humble petition of Mary Norridge.

"Sheweth,

"That your pet^{r} is the daughter of Thos. Duncan, who was Lieu^{t} Colonel of horse to King Charles the 1st, and exhausted a considerable estate, to the value of above 10,000^{ll}, in raising a troop of horse, and furnishing them with all accoutrements, and otherwise for the service of his Ma^{ty}, never receiving any pay for his said service during the whole warr, and was also a great sufferer by wounds & imprisonment.

"That he was imployed by his said Ma^{ty} in severall dangerous messages of great consequence and trust, whilst his Ma^{ty} lay at York, to the often hazard of his life; especially in that desperate message when he ventured into Hull, and scattered 24 declarations after S^{r} John Hotham had shut the gates against the King, which no other person would venture to doe. And his Ma^{ty} having a particular kindness for yo^{r} pet^{rs} said father, was loath to lett him runn such a desperate hazard of his life, but he being zealous to serve his Ma^{ty}, disguis'd himselfe in the forme and habit of an old blind decrepid woman, and was led by another person and soe escaped suspition.

"That when he came back from his desperate undertaking, he mett the King, &c. in the garden at York, where his Ma^{ty} embraced him with joy, and gave a particular charge to the late Earl of Lindsey,*

* He was general of the King's army. Rapin, fol., Vol. II., p. 456, col. 2.

that if he should dye, to see your petrs father provided for, and if he lived would see him rewarded himself, as well for his love as for his loyalty." &c.

There is evidence of a strike having taken place in a branch of the Civil Service in the year 1695. (*See* Vol. LXII., No. 8.) The surveyors and officers of the London Brewery employed under the Excise Commissioners, all laid down their commissions together, to inconvenience that department, but they were glad to express their contrition in 1699 and to have the opportunity of once more eating the King's bread.

A good specimen of the working of the *Circumlocution Office*, similar to that noticed in the former preface is afforded in Vol. LXVIII., No. 40. In this instance seven different official persons or bodies of persons were required to obtain the transfer of a prisoner from Rotterdam to England.

Civil Service examinations would appear to be of greater antiquity than is generally known. The Commissioners of Customs had established them in that department in the year 1702, and personally conducted the examinations. They further sent the candidate for appointment for a second examination to the surveyor of the port, who, having examined him upon points proper to his business, gave a certificate of his ability and fitness, and the Commissioners then presented him to their Lordships for employment. There are the arithmetic examination papers of two candidates in Vol. LXXVIII., No. 34.

Our sympathies are generally drawn out towards persons in captivity, and more especially so when they are detained in a barbarous country. At the time over which the Calendar extends, a large number of our fellow countrymen, seized whilst sailing under our flag, were lingering in miserable thraldom in the empire of Morocco. In the

year 1692 there were about 350 (*see* Vol. XVIII., No. 44). Mr. William Bowtell, merchant, had redeemed about 400 in 1694, and many had died of the plague. (*See* Vol. XXIX., No. 43.) In January 1700, there was an agreement that 272 should be brought from Mequenez and other parts of Barbary to Tangier, and put on board a man-of-war. When they were actually brought away seems doubtful. Many of them had been captured when they were young, and one when presented to Captain Delaval was 102 years old. (*See* Vol. LXVII., No. 11.) Captain Delaval was intrusted with a mission for the liberation of these "slaves," and it was a task of considerable difficulty, their passage to liberty requiring to be smoothed with gold, jewelry, and other valuable presents to the Emperor, the Queen, and various other high officials of the Morocco Court. The captain had with him a secretary and 16 servants. In his account of expenses, he mentions that on landing in Tetuan Bay he and his attendants remained in tents till he received orders to proceed, and he made eight journeys between Tetuan and the Camp at Ceuta. (*See* Vol. LXIX., No. 49.) Amongst his difficulties, perhaps the getting his charges from the Lords of the Treasury was not the least. On 8 July 1702, his demand for 671*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* was abated by them to 500*l.* "in full of all pretensions." (*See* Vol. LXXIII., No. 29.)

In order to raise the requisite amount for the redemption of these captives, briefs were sent round by authority to the churches (as was then common) for collections to be made in their behalf, and one of these was circulated in June 1700.

From the London Gazette, No. 3,630, for 26 Aug. 1700, it will be seen that an attempt had been made to stop the charity of those kindly disposed to the captives who

were still unransomed, for it says that two contemporary newspapers, viz. the *Protestant Mercury* and the *London Post*, had stated that the collection was over, as there was sufficient to redeem them. The Commissioners for executing his Majesty's letters patent for redemption of the captives, certify that this was false, that the collections were not over, and had not been made in many places besides London and parts adjacent, and that a seventh of what was required was not then collected. They hoped that all the charitably disposed would contribute liberally, for the poor captives lay under most grievous and barbarous usage. *See* copy of the *London Gazette* in Vol. LXXII., No. 5.

This false report had so mischievously affected the collection that the Lords Justices found it necessary to put forth a declaration that the sums which had been collected upon the above letters patent within the cities of London and Westminster and the bills of mortality did not amount to 4,000*l.*, and for the redemption of the captives 14,000*l.* at the least would be required. *See London Gazette*, No. 3,640, 30 Sept. 1700.

The Editor trusts that he has culled sufficient from these memorials of the past to warrant him in the belief that the present volume will be acceptable to those who value our national documents and who wish them to be made thoroughly accessible.

JOSEPH REDINGTON.

11 January 1871.

TREASURY PAPERS.

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WILLIAM THE THIRD.

[? 1696 or 1697.] 1. "The case of Elizabeth Havering, widow, the relict and executrix of James Havering, deceased, against the pretences of any that shall claime right to three certain bills now depending in the Transport Office;" praying examination, &c. to be made.

James Havering, at the request of Matthew Sutcliffe, who was lately chief clerk of the Com^rs for Transports, sold to John Aldred, merchant, bills for 900 odd pounds at 55 *per cent.* loss. Havering was, together with Sutcliffe, bound to Aldred, since which the latter had forged and absconded. The Com^rs refused to make out debentures to Aldred, but said they would make them out to Captain Bendall, &c. Bendall acknowledged the reception of 700*l.* out of the 900 odd pounds.

Undated, but by comparison with petition in Vol. XXXVI., No. 21, probably 1696 or 1697. 1 *page.*

[? 1696 or 1697.] 2. Petition to the King of Thomas Carter, second serjeant-at-arms in Ireland. He had served in that capacity since the reduction of that kingdom; his salary was but 50*l.*, though heretofore it was 100*l. per ann.*, as was that of other serjeants; he had been zealous for His Majesty both at Londonderry and after the King's arrival in Ireland, and had suffered considerably by the late calamities; prays that his salary might be raised to what it was formerly.

Undated, but perhaps the end of 1696 or beginning of 1697, by comparison with the papers under date 24 Feb. 1696–7. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? Beginning of 1697.] 3. Petition of David Williams, gent., to the King. He had presented a previous petition for some recompense for his ancestor's loyalty and service to King Charles the Second; prays that it might be read, and an order made for his "gratification."

Undated, but probably the beginning of 1697; compare with Vol. XLI., No. 53, and XLII., No. 42. 1 *page.*

[? 1694–7.] 4. Petition of the [minister], churchwardens, and overseers of the parish of St. Mary, Newington Butts, in Surrey, (whose names are subscribed,) to the King, on behalf of the poor there. The parish was filled with extremely poor mechanics; they pray for some of the bounty money in specie.

Certificate at the foot, of the poverty of the parish, signed Ant. Bowyer.

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Undated, but the petition is to His Majesty, and the present war is mentioned, so that it is between 1694 and 1697.

They do not appear to have received anything on their petition, and are not noticed in the *Money Book*, *Letter Book*, or *Minute Books*. 1 *page.*

[? 1696 or 1697.] 5. Petition of Morgan Jones to the Lords of the Treasury, for a letter to be sent from their Lordships to the Com^rs of Customs, requiring them, pursuant to their Lordships' former order, to make speedy provision for his support till there was a vacancy of a land carriage man's place in the port of London.

A testimonial in his favour, signed by divers Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace in the county of Carmarthen, stating that he was discharged from being tide-waiter in the port of Dublin for being a Protestant, &c. Dated 20 October 1695.

Also copy of a former minute in his favour. Dated 19 March 1695. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 1. 6. Petition of Major Thomas Hawley, late chief porter and major of the Tower of London. He had served for many years in those offices during the reigns of Kings Charles II. and James II., and continued therein since the Revolution, and was eminently instrumental at that time in securing the Tower for the King by disarming the Papists then in garrison there; at the breaking out of the late horrid conspiracy against the King's person and government, some one had maliciously whispered something against him, and he was sent from his house in the Tower to Sir William Trumble without any warrant, and continued in custody 11 weeks; begs to be heard before the King in Council. The hard usage he had received had occasioned him to part with his places, there being an arrear of 740^li due to him; implores an order for the payment of the arrears, or a grant of the next vacancy of a waiter at the Custom house, with a pension of 60*l.* *per ann.* until the place falls vacant.

Undated, but referred 1 Jan. 1696.

Reports of Lord Romney, the Com^rs of Ordnance, and two other papers respecting his claims.

The last Minute is :—"Read to y^e King, 18 July '98. Not granted." 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 1. 7. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the account of Mr. Lambe, relating to the hospitals in the Low Countries during the last campaign. The charge of the same amounted to 22,304*l.* 10*s.* 1½*d.* Leaving it to their Lordships, if they thought fit, to pay the balance, viz., 2,933*l.* 6*s.* 11½*d.* Dated 1 Jan. 1696-7.

Also the account.

Minuted :—"A ltre to M^r Blathwaite to prepare a warr^t for the ballance. Read 22 Feb. '96. My Lords cannot allow any disco^t for y^e ballance, because it was made by a previous allowance of disc^t." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 7. 8. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the case of Captain Henry Rice, with the

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reports thereon of the Com^rs of Revenue and the Solicitor-General; respecting certain lands forfeited by Walter Coppinger in the last rebellion, and then held *in custodiam* by the petitioner, &c. Dated 7 Jan. 1696–7.

Accompanied by the report of the Com^rs of Revenue and divers other papers.

The letter is minuted :—"16 Ap. '97. Rejected." 13 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 7.] 9. Letter from Mr. Geo. Evans, controller of the mint at York, to Tobias Jenkins, Esq., a member of Parliament at Westminster, in reference to the assertion that had been made at York that when Mr. Alderman Gill went to Mr. Alderman Parrat's office to demand money "in course," one Sarney Harrison had declared that there was no money in the mint; showing the falseness of the assertion, and that he had posted up in the market-place at York that there were 5,500*l.* in the said mint.

Accompanied by a copy of what was posted up. Dated 7 Jan. 1696. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 11. 10. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lownds, secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, forwarding two letters from the Com^rs of Victualling, touching the want of provisions for the Mermaid, the Winchelsea, and the Ruby, the want of money, &c. They calculated there were 3,207 men for foreign voyages in 20 ships, several of which had been victualled, but they could not carry out their Lordships' orders without money. Dated 11 Jan. '96. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 11. Letter from Mr. Francis Riggs to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Treasury, earnestly entreating him to move the Lords of the Treasury to order the fifth part of what remained due for the stores delivered to the Navy yards, viz. 3,742*l.* 6*s.* 2½*d.*, which stores were to have been paid for on their arrival; his necessities to answer bills of exchange were very great. He was sensible of the straights the Government lay under, and if he could not have ready money, begged for tallies, &c. Dated 12 Jan. 1696–7. 1 *page.*

Jan. 12. 12. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them of the ill consequences that would happen if the fleet should be obliged to continue in harbour for want of stores, expressing the hope that they would take some consideration of the train in Flanders, and not let so necessary a part of the army starve; they had received orders of Council for sending four engineers and a master gunner to the plantations, the charge of which would be 1,500*l.*, which service must stand still without money. They had received orders of Council for sending the stores, to the value of 3,167*l.* 17*s.* 3¼*d.*, referred to in the annexed paper, to New York and Barbadoes; desiring to be reimbursed. Dated 12 Jan. 1696.

Also the said estimate.

Minuted :—"Read 12 Jan^y '96."

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On that day the following is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 57:—"Officers of Ordnance cald in, their mem^ll is read. They demand 8,000^li for ye Fleet & 1,500^li for 4 engineers for the West Indies & 4,000^li to induce S^r Jos. Herne to give further credit for the trayne in Flandrs, & m^o for other necessary uses. My Lords direct they shall have 20,000*l.* tallys on the vote of credit, ½ of it for land service, th'other half for sea service." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 13. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Lyons, merchant, as to certain goods imported by the last convoy from Rotterdam, wrongly entered. Dated 13 Jan. 1696–7.

Also the petition and another paper.

Minuted :—"Agreed." 5½ *pages.*

Jan. 15. 14. Letter from Thomas Neale, Master of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating the necessity there was of inspecting the hammered money, and that people must have honesty and skill who were employed therein; that rooms were wanting at the Tower to inspect the money, as it was impossible for the Tower mills to dispatch above 300,000*l.*, but if supplied with silver ingots they could coin 100,000*l.* weekly; that the business might be more easily dispatched for the public service, if the money were first lodged at the Exchequer, weighed, and inspected; as to the money to be taken in by weight, in the country, he was apprehensive the charge, waste, and "worseness," would come to much more by the additional persons, than if some were sent hence, &c. Dated 15 Jan. 1696.

With this note by Mr. Isaac Newton.—"I have seen this proposal & believe that if good bargains be made for ye country mints, it will be for His Ma^ties service." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 16. 15. Letter signed B. Homrigh [to the Lords of the Treasury]. He expected to be elected Lord Mayor of Dublin; craves the King's permission to accept the same in addition to his duty in the affairs of revenue. Dated 16 Jan. 1696–7.

Minuted :—"My Lords approve." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 18. 16. Letter of John Drysdell, addressed to Sir John Foche, Knt., at the Excise Office, London, as to what Mr. Thomas Everard, the principal General Surveyor of the London Brewery, told him respecting the officer at Dertford, who collected a mob to rejoice on the report of the death of the King in Flanders, and the coming over of King James. Dated 18 Jan. 1696.

Minuted :—"Read 10 9br. '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII. p. 43, for that day, is a detailed account of proceedings, in relation to Sir John Foche, about whom, Mr. Danvers, and Mr. Everard, there was a controversy. 1 *page.*

Jan. 19. 17. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Hon. Charles Bertie, Esq., Treasurer of Ordnance, sending the representation to the

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Treasury, relating to the 200 barrels of powder lately sent from Chester to Dublin, for the service of Ireland: desiring him to solicit their Lordships for the money for the same: referring also to the stores for New York and Barbadoes. Dated 19 Jan. 1696.

Also the represention and copy of the order in Council. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a seizure made by officers of the customs at Liverpool of some provisions, laden on board merchant ships, intended for the victualling of the King's ship, the Dovor, prize, in her voyage to Virginia. Dated 23 Jan. 1696–7.

Also the report of the Com^rs^ of Victualling, and other papers relating thereto. 8 *pages.*

Jan. 26. 19. Letter dated at Dublin, signed Wm. Wolseley, addressed to Mr. Powis, returning thanks for his care in his (Mr. Wolseley's) business and desiring him to employ Sir Thos. Powis, if there was occasion for a Counsel. His opinion was a *caveat* should be entered. Dated 26 Jan. 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 26. 20. Memorial of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, as to striking tallies for 25,000*l.* to exchange for Exchequer notes; directions must be given for passing a new privy seal if their Lordships direct the payment of any further sums; seeking their Lordships' directions concerning Mr. Wooley, who insisted on having 2,100*l.* which was assigned to him, and as to 1,100*l.* to another person. Dated 26 Jan. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 29 Jan. '96."

"Tallys to be struck for the sumes w^th^in mentioned besides the 25,000*l.*" 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 21. Proposal addressed to Mr. Lowndes by John Norton, that an impost should be laid on all deal boards and timber exported from Norway and a duty on foreign iron and steel. Dated Jan. 26 [the year blank], but perhaps 1696–7, as it is most likely after Lowndes was appointed Secretary to the Treasury (1695), and before the termination of the war (1697). 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 27. 22. Report of Nicholas Baker, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nathaniel Crow and Benjamin Pordage, presented to the King, praying him to grant to them the estates real and personal of Arthur Mangey, Robert Child, and John Hurst, who had been executed for counterfeiting the King's coin. He was unable to ascertain the value of the estates. Dated 27 Jan. 1696.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"To lay this before ye K. & represent the case of ye widd. & children of Mangy." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 28. 23. Representation of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue and Forfeitures in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Since the King had com-

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mitted the management of the forfeitures to them, they had used their utmost diligence to get in the arrears of forfeitures: laying the state of the arrears before their Lordships, together with copies of various papers relating thereto for their directions. Dated 28 Jan. 1696. 12 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 24. Memorial of the Comrs of Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, repeating the hardships they laboured under, to discharge their trust, in consequence of the inhabitants of Plymouth and Harwich having denied the miserable sick seamen relief and lodging, on account of the arrears due for quarters. Other ports threatening to do the like. Dated 29 Jan. 1696–7. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 3. 25. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring they will lay the case of the judges (who had petitioned for 200*l.* a year to be added to their pay) before His Majesty. Dated 3 Feb. 1696–7.

Three other papers, including their petition relating thereto.

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97. Respited."

"Addll allowance of 200li *per ann.* to each of the Justices in Ireland. His Maty dos approve of, and is pleased to order, that the said addition be left to the Lords Justices of Ireland, to take place and comence at such time as their Excys shall think fitt."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 118, 14 Apr. 1697, is:—"Petition of the judges to be respited." 6 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 26. Order in Council granting one moiety of the pension of 300*l.* *per ann.*, which had been granted to Lieut.-Col. Vaughan out of the profits of the Royal Oak lottery, to his wife and children, he having forsaken them, and left them in a starving condition. Dated 4 Feb. 1696.

Minuted:—"A wt to the farmr not to make any further paymt on this pension, till the collo hath assignd a moyety therof to the use of his wife." 1 *page.*

Feb. 4. 27. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending notice to the Lords of the Treasury that the King had given orders for the troops of dragoons at Ashford to march to Lidd, Romney, Hith, and Folkston, to assist the officers of Customs and civil magistrates against the wool stealers, and in opposing the French on that coast. Dated Whitehall, 4 Feb. 1696–7. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 4. 28. Letter to the secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, docquetted:—"From ye Admiralty abt an ordr to ye Custome ho. officers to have certs from mars of merchts ships, of their having paid ye 6d before they clear them" [*i.e.* the 6*d.* a month for Greenwich hospital]. Dated 4 Feb. '96–7.

Also extract from a letter from the Comrs of the Register Office thereon. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 29. Letter of Chas. Bertie, Esq., Treasurer of the Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury, pressing for assignments to be made to the

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Board of Ordnance in proportion to what was allowed to the Navy. Their arrears were 220,000*l.* in the last year, and they had received but 20,000*l.* on this year's account, &c. Dated 4 Feb. 1696–7. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Feb. 5. 30. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the Com^rs of the Revenue of Ireland to the said Lords Justices, on the petition of Dr. John Leslie as to the quantity and yearly value of the forfeited estates desired by the petitioner. The estates to which it relates are those of Lord Clare, Lord Galmoy, Christopher Dillon, James Talbot, &c. Dated 5 Feb. 1696.

The said report, dated 29 Jan. 1696.

Report of the Auditor-General thereon, with schedule of the lands and the letter of the Lords Justices directing the report to be made.

Letter of the Lords Justices sending the copy of the petition of Dr. John Leslie to the Com^rs for the Revenue.

The petition showing that the petitioner fortified his house near Sligo as a frontier garrison, and performed various other services, for which the rebels destroyed his property to the value of 10,000*l.*

Letter of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of Ireland, sending a schedule of the lands, &c. desired by him.

Also copy of a memorial and two other letters on behalf of the petitioner.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. The K. will grant him 400^li a year out of these lands, during his life." 18 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Feb. 5. 31. Letter of the Navy Board to the Hon. Edw. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, praying him to acquaint the Lords of the Treasury that 30,000*l.* was wanting for bills of exchange and imprests. Dated 5 Feb. '96. 1 *page.*

Feb. 6. 32. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to Mr. Secretary Trumbull, concerning the claims of Mr. Thomas Tilson, clerk to the Irish House of Commons, recommending that the King should take away his annuity of 60*l. per ann.*, and grant him an equivalent, together with such a mark of his favour out of the forfeited lands desired by him, as the King thought fit. Dated 6 Feb. 1696–7.

Also the petition of Tilson, the report of the Attorney-General, and other papers.

The petition is minuted:—"16 Ap. 97. Rejected." 11 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 33. Letter of the Lord Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Percivall, Esq., to the King; praying a *custodiam* of certain lands discovered by him and of no profit to the King in the county of Meath, in consideration of 1,050*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* stated to be due to him as Governor of the hospitals formerly in Ireland. They state that the value of all the lands desired was 80*l.* 0*s.* 8*d. per ann.* Dated Dublin Castle, 6 Feb. 1696.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. Rejected." 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Feb. 6. 34. Letter signed Fra. Lynn, stating that the chief officers of the army had made a representation to the King, as to the hardship of stopping 50*l. per ann.* out of Major Lower's pay, as an allowance to his wife, desiring that His Majesty's pleasure may be known. Dated 6 Feb. 1696.

Petition of Barbara Lower, wife to Major William Lower, of Brigadier Fairfax's regiment, as to the stoppage of the 50*l. per ann.* 2 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 35. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury; they had been obliged to dispose of the greatest part of the 20,000*l.* to pay the subsistence of the Flanders train and keep the contractors from starving, and the remainder had answercd the most pressing occasions of the office; and without a considerable supply they could not fit out the fleet or the train in Flanders; further their officers were paid in tallies the last year, which could not be discounted under 30 *per cent.* Dated 8 Feb. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 91, 22 Feb. 1696, is:—"My Lord Ranelagh must assigne 10,000li in tallys on ye land tax, to the Ordnance, for the service of ye train in Flanders: And when the office of Ordnance is supplyed wth fonds, this 10,000li is to be made good again to the Earl of Ranelagh, for the forces." 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 36. Copy of letter, signed Wm. Lowndes, to the Comrs for the Revenue of Ireland, on the petition of Robert Ayleway, Esq., praying that such arrears of rent as were due, might be allowed him in part of 672*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* owing to him from the Crown, on behalf of their Lordships ordering the respite of the same. Dated 16 Feb. 1696.

Copies of four other documents and the said petition.

The petition is minuted:—"14 Ap. 1697. Rejected." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 37. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to supply of saltpetre by the East India Company, praying to be allowed at least 60,000*l.* to pay two quarters to the artificers, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 104, 16 March 1696, is the following:—"Officers of Ordnance calld in, wth some of the East Inda Compa, about 300 tons of peter, wch the compa has, amting to about 13 or 14,000li at 45li per tonn. The officers of the Ordnance are to view & take samples of it, & then my Lords will adjust ye paymt." 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 16.] 38. Petition of Elizabeth Clerke, cousin-german and executrix of Phillip Warwick, Esq., deceased, addressed to the King, showing that her husband, who was employed in 1680 as envoy extraordinary from King Charles II., to the Crown of Sweden, died suddenly on his return when about to relate to the King the particulars of his negotiation; further showing what was due to him; praying the

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King to give directions to the Lords of the Treasury to cause tallies of pro or loan to be struck, upon the hereditary or temporary excise, for the sums due, amounting to above 4,000*l.*

Also order referring it to the Lords of the Treasury on 16 Feb. 1696–7.

Minuted :—"Read 22 Feb. '96. My Lords do know the matter of fact to be true, & will lay it before ye K." "16 Ap. '97. To find some imploym^{t} for her husband." "Read 23 June 1701. To be employed but no money." 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 19. 39. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King thought that the estimate of provisions for 1,000 men, transmitted to the Lords of the Treasury, should be increased for 1,700 men, as two regiments of foot were to go to Newfoundland, one of which was to go from Ireland. Dated 19 Feb. 1696–7. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 19. 40. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Cook as to the shipment of certain pepper for the Straights. Dated 19 Feb. 1696–7.

Another paper relating thereto.

There are three or four minutes on the dorse, one of which is :— "My Lords cannot give any relief in this case."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 108, 22 March 1696, is a similar minute. 3¼ *pages.*

About Feb. 19. 41. Memorial of Rebecca Viscountess Falkland, relict of Anthony Viscount Falkland, late Treasurer of the Navy, praying their Lordships to sign a warrant discharging the manor of Great Few and other lands in Oxfordshire from any encumbrances that might arise by reason of her late Lord being Treasurer of the Navy, the countersigning of which warrant by their Lordships had been deferred until the accounts of Capt. Shales, who acted as paymaster, were passed. The memorial relates what had been done with the accounts.

Also two certificates touching the same.

Minuted :—"Read, 19 Feb. '96." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 42. Presentment by the principal Com^{rs} for Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury. They had appointed Mr. Francis Raworth as agent for prizes at Deal, Sandwich, Ramsgate, Margate, and other places within the district of Dover and Deal ; but he did not reside in a proper place for the management of his agency ; recommending Capt. John Rutter, an inhabitant of Ramsgate, as their agent at Ramsgate and Margate, at 30*l. per ann.* Dated 20 Feb. 1696.

Minuted :—"Agreed. W^{t} signed 23 Feb. 1696." 1 *page.*

Feb. 22. 43. "A certificate of new mony coind from hammer'd mony to the 22th of February 1696–7."

Made to the Lords of the Treasury. 1 *page.*

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Feb. 22. 44. Letter of the Navy Board to the Hon. Edw. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, enclosing an estimate of the charge of building a new fifth-rate ship at Sheerness, desiring him to solicit the Lords of the Treasury for the money. Dated 22 Feb. '96.
Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 45. Report of Mr. S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Lansdown, Esq. He found the coal-works in the annexed petition, arising out of the waste ground or common called the Barrow, within the manor of Stratton-super-Foss (Somerset), parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, were formerly granted by King Charles I., when Prince of Wales, to William Long and Hercules Horler in trust; he traces the coal-works through other lessees to Richard Lansdown, gent., the petitioner's father, who obtained a grant in reversion for 17 years, commencing 14 Aug. 1692; he advises that if their Lordships granted a further term to make up 31 years, as desired, it was reasonable that besides the rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* there should be also reserved a seventh (or such proportion as their Lordships pleased) of the profits out of the premises. He further found that Prince Henry, in James the First's reign, recovered the manor from the above Wm. Long, and that his son Lisleborn Long purchased the inheritance thereof in the late times, and lost it at the Restoration. On these considerations George Long, Esq., grandson of the said William, desired a new grant, which he left to their Lordships' judgment. Dated 22 Feb. 1696.
Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 46. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty, laying before the Lords of the Treasury, through Mr. Lowndes, the unhappy state of the Navy, for want of money; sending a copy of a letter received by them, showing, amongst other things, that some ships were four years in arrear and few less than two, and the yards nearly a year, &c. Dated 23 Feb. 1696–7.
Enclosed is a copy of the letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy, above referred to, in answer to their Lordships' order for 500*l.* to be impressed to each of the colonels of the marine regiments for subsistence. Dated 22 Feb. '96. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 47. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending an extract from a letter received by them from the Com^rs^ of Victualling as to the speedy supply of money. Dated 23 Feb. '96–7. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 48. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury as to the salary of Mr. Thomas Trenwith, surveyor of the port of Falmouth and Penryn, in favour of 10*l.* *per ann.* additional.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

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Feb. 23. 49. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Stephen Seignoret to His Majesty, as to the remission of a fine set on him for importing French goods. Dated 23 Feb. 1696–7.

Minuted:—"Dismist."

Six other papers relating thereto. 8½ *pages.*

Feb. 24. 50. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of Thomas Carter, serjeant-at-arms attending the State and the Lords House of Parliament, who had been recommended by the House for an increase of pay. Dated 24 Feb. 1696.

Accompanied by (1), a petition from him.

(2). An order from the House of Lords of 12 Dec. 1695, showing that his salary was but 50*l. per ann.*; that the serjeant's salary in the Parliament of 1666 was 100*l. per ann.*, as had been and then was the salary of the serjeant of the Lower House; that he was obliged always to have three messengers and horses in readiness to execute orders and warrants; that in the last and present Parliament he was considerably out of pocket; that the petitioner served His Majesty at the siege of Londonderry and afterwards at the Boyne, and that he secured divers useful books and writings belonging to the late King and his secretaries, and he prayed their Lordships to recommend to the Lord Deputy that his salary might be equal to what it was in former time; the order is that the Earl of Mountalexander, the Earl of Longford, and the Lord Bishop of Waterford, or any two of them, request the Lord Deputy to recommend the petitioner's case to His Majesty; and,

(3.) The recommendation from the House.

Minuted:—"Granted." 3½ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 24.] 51. Petition of Anthony de Massanes, a French refugee. He paid into the Exchequer 100*l.* for the use of his son Anthony de Massanes, who was then serving in Piedmont, in the Duke of Schonberg's company, to receive 14 *per cent.*, according to the Act; but his son was killed at the battle of "Marsaille" on 24 Sept., five days before that interest commenced; praying for repayment. In addition he had lost another son at the battle of Steinkirk, and his son-in-law, Mons. St. Auban, Lieut.-Colonel of Major-General La Meloniere's regiment, had been in the King's service from the beginning of the war.

Minuted:—"24 Feb. '96. The K. orders this 100^li to be rep^d when there is m^o." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 26.] 52. Petition of John Mackie, coast surveyor of Harwich. Their Lordships had referred his former petition to the Com^rs of Customs, but they were not properly judges in the case, for he was more properly an officer of the Secretaries of State, his services being only known to them, there being no other such office in the kingdom, except Mr. Manly, on the coast of Sussex, who had 20*s.* a day allowance; it could not be thought a precedent for any

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1696-7. other officer of the Customs, to pretend to the same augmentation; he had proposed this purely as a subsistence, which his allowance of 60*l.* a year had not afforded him, he being obliged to keep a servant and two horses; praying their Lordships to grant his request [without stating what his request was].

Minuted:—"Read 26 Feb. '96. My Lords will not augment the sallary, but if there be extraʳʸ service done their Lopˢ will reward it some other way." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 26.] 53. Report of Mr. Isaac Newton and Mr. Tho. Hall to the Lords of the Treasury. They had considered the proposals* of Mr. Peter Floyer and Mr. Charles Shales for receiving the hammered money and delivering the full weight in standard silver, deducting 8 grains for a recompence out of every ounce troy, which is 12¼*d.* ½ farthing in every pound weight. The charges for that service on the pound weight would be 7½ and ½ farthing.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Feb. '96. To be showd to Mr Floye & Mr Shales the petʳˢ." 1 *page.*

Feb. 27. 54. Letter of the Navy Board to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a copy of a letter from Comʳ Greenhill, in which one was enclosed, complaining of irregularities and abuses in the New Forest; praying him to communicate the same to the notice of the Lords of the Treasury: Also reminding him of their several letters, for procuring their Lordships' order, for some oak trees from that forest, for the navy at Portsmouth. Dated 27 Feb. 1696.

Also the said copy of the letter.

Minuted:—"Read March 1, '96. To be d[elivere]d to Serᵗ Ryly." 2¼ *pages.*

Feb. 27. 55. Copy of an order from the Comʳˢ of [Customs] to James Isaacson, Esq., the King's warehouse keeper in the port of London, for the delivery up of the goods being part of the lading of the ship St. Peter, prize, given on the perusal of a letter from the Comʳˢ for Prizes and the memorial of Mr. Underdown, the officer who seized the same. Dated 27 Feb. 1696–7.

Accompanied by the copies of the letter and memorial. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

March 1. 56. Letter transmitted from the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending extracts of a letter received by that board from Mr. Knox, saying that he cannot have leave to fell any knees, standards, and other timber, for the service of the navy, in the forfeited woods in Ireland; asking the orders of the Lords of the Treasury to be given thereon. Dated 1 March 1696.

The said extracts. 2¼ *pages.*

* This is the proposal referred to, Vol. XLII., No. 16.

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March 1. 57. Letter from Sir Willm. Trumbull [Principal Secretary of State], to the Lords of the Treasury, which enclosed a memorial of Mr. Edwd. Pauncefort, concerning the payment of bills of 2,000*l.* sent to him by Mr. William Robinson, Deputy Receiver of Ireland, for sea provisions for the fleet; for their Lordships to give directions to the Com^rs^ for Victualling the Navy to repay the said 2,000*l.* Dated 1 March 1696.

Minuted :—"To be taken care of."

The memorial, signifying that the Lords Justices had commanded the above Mr. William Robinson to furnish money and draw bills for what he should pay to Mr. Hoare, agent to the Com^rs^ for Victualling the Navy; accordingly he had paid in December 2,000*l.*, and drawn bills, and he desired that directions might be given for the payment of the bills and for repaying him what he had advanced, being over 5,000*l.* Dated 24 Feb. 1696. 2 *pages.*

March 1. 58. Report of the Postmasters General to the King, on the petition of Johanna Oxembridge, expressing their belief that Mr. Clement Oxembridge and his partners were instrumental in reducing the postage of letters from 6*d.* to 3*d.*, and in establishing new posts where none had been before; further stating that the petitioner's husband was afterwards employed in the Penny Post Office and was allowed 60*l. per ann.* out of an augmentation to some other officers' salaries, which they were contented should be continued to the petitioner for her life, hoping they should afterwards enjoy the same. Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted ;—"Rec^d^ 12 May '97. To speak w^th^ ye Post M^rs^ when they next attend my L^ds^. To be laid before my L^ds^ at a full board [when] both the Post M^rs^ are present." 4 *pages.*

March 2. 59. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the return of money by Mr. Winde, collector of Excise in the county of Gloucester, who was charged with ill practices, finding that he returned part of his money by Mr. Webb, of Gloucester, and allowed him 5*s.* in the 100*l.*, and since then, he had returned by Mr. Wintour 7,756*l.*, &c. Dated 2 March 1696–7.

Minuted :—"Read 18 May '97. The Com^rs^ of Excise will enquire further." 1 *page.*

March 2. 60. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. The 10,000*l.* ordered for the supply of the contractors in Flanders, for the ensuing campaign, came so near to the end of the fund (the land tax) that no one would discount the tallies; and unless they had better provision, the King would be disappointed, and all the preparations in Flanders would be ineffectual. Dated 2 March 1696.

The following entry is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 96, 3 March 1696 :—

"The King accepts the proposall of 10 guil. 10 stivers at sight, offered by Sir Jos. Hern, to disc^t^ tallys for the Ordnance at 26^li^ *per cent.*; but my Lords will speake with the officers of the Ordnance on Friday; a ire to them."

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There is also this further minute in relation to the same matter at p. 97 :—

"Officers of Ordnance cald in, about discounting the tallys for 10,000l for the traine in Flandrs. This affaire must be defered till next post, because my Lords will receive the King's positive direction, before they allow so great a disct as 26 or 27½ per c., & in the mean time, they may gett mo advanced (if they can) by depositing the tallys." 1 *page.*

March 3. 61. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Mr. Baron Donnellan, one of the Comrs for the custody of the great seal of that kingdom, had presented a certificate of the Comrs of the Revenue and forfeitures in Ireland, as to the discovery of the forfeited estates of Hugh Kelly, of Ballyforin, and James Lally, of Tullandaly, mentioned in a schedule annexed, as also a lease for 1,000 years to Col. Walter Bourke, of Killcooly, and the Baron claimed a further discovery made by Mr. John Usher in trust for him of a forfeited mortgage of 1,000*l.* on the lands of Ballylee, &c., enclosing the Comrs certificate and schedule, and expressing their opinion in favour of his being allowed one-fourth of the value of the discovery, &c. Dated 3 March 1696.

The certificate and schedule referred to the petition of the said Donnellan. Also copies of two warrants. 15 *pages.*

March 3. 62. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a remission of the taxes on behalf of officers of the Customs receiving less than 60*l.* *per ann.* Dated 3 March 1696.

Minuted :—"Granted, but to take care that no paymt be made, but where there is a voucher for ye paymt of ye tax." 1 *page.*

March 3. 63. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to William Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending another paper entitled—"Proposalls for discompting talleys struck up on the land tax after 12 and before 1,300,000*l.* and remittance for Flanders." Dated 3 March 1696. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

March 4. 64. Report of the Comrs of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Stevenson, merchant, praying to be admitted to compound his debt, pursuant to a late Act of Parliament ; advising that he was relievable by their Lordships. Dated 4 March 1696–7.

Also the petition and a certificate. 3 *pages*

March 4. 65. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending copies of letters received by the principal officers of the Navy, from their purveyor in the New Forest ; as to the waste of the woods there ; and further setting forth that the Navy Board had stated that for want of money their standing contracts must fail, the works at the yards must stand still, &c. : asking for speedy relief. Dated 4 March '96-7.

Also the said copies. 3 *pages.*

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March 5. 66. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending a copy of a letter from the Com^rs^ of the Victualling, as to the want of money, without which they saw no prospect of setting out the fleet; and also the copy of another letter from Capt. Wade, commander of the ship "The Crown," as to the scarcity of provisions, they having but one day's bread and meat, &c. Dated 5 March '96–7.

Also the said copies. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[? About March 5.] 67. A memorial setting forth Mr. Macky's services, viz.:—In 1692 he made the first discovery of the descent designed by the French from "Le Houge," and procured a list of the forces designed for that expedition. On his information, Admiral Russel went out and burnt the French Fleet, which Lord Rumny, then Secretary of State, and Mr. Secretary Johnson, would declare to be true.

In 1693 he seized Mr. Francis le Rue at Harwich, coming from France, with credentials from K. James; and some time after Mrs. Aldridge with 112 letters in a double-bottomed box, all written from St. Germains, whom with several others, he sent up prisoners with their papers, to Mr. Secretary Trenchard. He wrote and published a book called "*A View of the Coast of St. Germains,*" some time before "the discovery of the assassination," which His Majesty was pleased to think did him service, and ordered Lord Rumny to give him thanks for it. He had seized several persons and intercepted many letters going to and coming from France, to which the Duke of Shrewsbury and Mr. Secretary Trumbull would testify. All these services he had done without reward, but now prayed their Lordships, to whom his case was referred, to resolve on something for his relief.

Minuted:—"Read 5 March 1696. My Lords cannot give him ready mony, but when there is a vacancy they will consider him for a better imploym^t^."

Accompanied by a copy. 2 *pages.*

March 6. 68. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to Mr. Ivie and Mr. Arthur, merchants of Exeter, and Mr. Orchard, customer and collector of that port, viz.: as to the payment of 4,669*l.*, for which the said collector refused to give them credit. Dated 6 March 1696–7.

Minuted:—"22 Mar. '96. My Lords desire the Com^rs^ to give such direction as they think necessary at present."

Also the petition and a balance sheet. 14½ *pages.*

March 9. 69. Letter from Sir William Trumbull to the Lords of the Treasury. The King's pleasure was that the request of one Edward Lloyd should be granted. He petitioned for the grant of a recognizance for 200*l.* entered into by Francis Walker and John Challener, as sureties for the good behaviour of Robert Leesons, until he should take the oaths to His Majesty, which recognizance had been forfeited

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by the conviction of "Leeson" at the Old Bailey, for speaking scandalous words against the King and Government. Dated 9 March 1696–7.

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.

The petition is minuted:—"15 Nov. '96. Granted. 16 Ap. '97. Rejected. Mr Baker to recover it for ye K." 2¼ *pages.*

March 9. 70. Copy of warrant from the Lords of the Treasury, to Sir Robert Howard, Knt., Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, for the passing debentures for payment of Walter Wallinger and Thomas Cole, Secondaries in the Pipe Office, for 40*l.* due to them for two years, viz., 10*l.* a year each. Dated 9 March 1696.

With a note at the foot that the warrant was to be drawn for 25*l.* instead of 65*l.* 1 *page.*

March 11. 71. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending a copy of a letter received by them from the principal Officers of the Navy, as to their want of money, and another from the Comrs of Victualling, stating that they could not go on with provisioning the fleet without a speedy supply of money. Dated 11 March '96–7.

Copies of the said letters, one of which contains an enclosure. 5½ *pages.*

March 11. 72. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the petition of William Spencer, Esq., and the report of the Comrs of the Revenue in Ireland; concurring in the recommendation of the report, that the petitioner deserved the King's favour for his losses and services, his house and estate in the co. of Cork having been burnt and wasted in the late rebellion. He sought to obtain a grant of the estate of Hugolin Spencer, who was outlawed for high treason. Dated 11 March 1696–7.

A list of the lands sought, two affidavits, the said petition, and other papers.

The petition is minuted:—"20 Apr. '97. Granted." 11 *pages.*

[? About March 12.] 73. Petition of Henry Colchester, land-waiter in the port of London, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be appointed a jerquer, as by his affliction of the "tissick" he was not so well able to perform the duty of his employment as formerly. Dated 12 March 1696–7.

Minuted:—"My Lords will consider him on the next vacancy of a land surveyor or jerquer." 1 *page.*

March 12. 74. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Isaac Teale, Jonathan Leigh, Robert Gower, Edward Harle, and James Anderson, apothecaries, for payment of 5,888*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* due for drugs and medicines supplied to the army and hospitals in Flanders in the year 1696. Dated 12 March 1696.

Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. To my Ld Ran. & Mr B. to insert so much for you on the C. List now making, as will enable them to go

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on w^th^ ye service. 4 May 1697. My Lords allow onely the sum of 4,836*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, and disallow the rest."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

March 13. 75. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the list of lands of Roger O'Shaghnassy forfeited in Ireland, which the King was "inclinable to grant to Capt. Thomas Prendergrasse." Dated 13 March 1696–7.

Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords Justices of Ireland, as to the full yearly value of the annexed list of lands, to be granted to Capt. Thomas Prendergrass, and the number of acres; together with the encumbrances. The lands were of those forfeited by Roger O'Shaghnessey, and contained 2,709 acres, lying in the barony of Kiltarton and county of Galway, and were of the full yearly value of 457*l.* for 31 years lease; but were subject to encumbrance, &c., and they add other particulars about this O'Shaghnessey property. Dated 10 March 1696–7.

Also the said list. 5½ *pages.*

March 15. 76. Papers respecting certain goods belonging to the late Queen Mary, which were lodged in His Majesty's removing wardrobe, in the custody of Mr. Peter Humes, being of the value of 1,000*l.* and upwards, ordered to be sold. The papers include the petition of John Ford, gent., touching the seizure of these goods belonging to the wardrobe of the late Queen, and secreted from the crown. One Mrs. Scroope set up a title to them, but she appears not to have substantiated it.

The principal document is a letter (dated 15 March 1696–7), signed "Peter Hume," enclosing an account of the goods seized. [In the inventory of the goods is:—"Queen Eliza^ths^ Latin prayer booke in crimson velvet, adorned with gold, enamelled, at y^e^ corners and on y^e^ midle of y^e^ cover, valued at 10*s.*"].

Minuted:—"Read 19 Mar. '96. The seizors to have a moiety of 580*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*, and M^r^ Humes to reserve the rest for ye K.s use." 9 *pages or parts.*

March 15. 77. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. The contractors in Flanders would not bring one horse into the field without they were paid their last year's arrears, viz., 9,544*l.* and an advance of 17,600*l.* for that year's contract; they hoped for 6,000*l.* for three months' pay for the officers of the train, who were most of them in a starving condition. A postscript states, that their Lordships had promised 3,000*l.* tallies, to enable them to proceed in the expedition to Newfoundland, but no one would discount them under 50*l. per cent.*, "and persons are now very shy in treating about the discomp^t^ of any talleys." Dated 15 March 1696–7. 1 *page.*

March 15. 78. Letter from Sir William Trumbull to the Lords of the Treasury. The petition of Lady Dorothy Burke, the report of the Lords Justices upon it, and other papers relating thereto, had been laid

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1696–7. before the King, who appeared disposed to gratify the petitioner in her request. He sends the papers for their Lordships' report thereon. Dated 15 March 1696–7.

[The papers not now with it.]

Minuted:—"My Lords will take ye K^s pleasure in this." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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March 16. 1. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, applying for the usual allowance (viz. 500*l.* each) to be made to Lord Chief Justice Hely, who was appointed Speaker of the House of Lords, and to Mr. Rochford, Attorney-General, the Speaker of the House of Commons. Dated 16 March 1696–7. 1½ *pages.*

March 17. 2. "A gen^ll state of the arrears of the regiment of horse, late Brigadier Villiers regiment of horse, with my Lord Coningsbys & M^r Fox's report thereon:" the latter dated 17 March 1696. 6½ *pages.*

March 17. 3. Proposal of Sir John Johnson and others to raise 20,000*l.* immediately, in milled money, for receiving in, all manner of plate, and coining the same, according to the Act of Parliament passed this sessions. Concluding with the hope that the Lords of the Treasury would not make any abatement of their allowance of 1*d.* per ounce, as they took the hazard of the plate being worse this year than the last, &c. Dated 17 March 1696–7. 1 *page.*

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 106, 19 March 1696–7, is the following entry:—"Officers of the Mint, with S^r John Johnson & partners about advancing of m^o, & taking in of plate per the latter. An agreem^t is made between my Lords on the King's behalfe and S^r John Johnson, Peter Floyer, Samuel Sheppard, Gilbert Heathcott, and John Cartlitch, to this effect:

"That M^r Henry Johnson, M^r Peter Floyer, M^r John Cartlitch & S^r John Johnson, be authorized under His Ma^ts Royall signe manual, to take in plate, pursuant to the late Act at 5^sh 4^d an ounce; and they are to be sworne & to keep acco^ts and performe their duty, in all other respects, pursuant to the said Act.

"That the said S^r John Johnson, M^r Floyer, M^r Sheppard, M^r Heathcott, & M^r Cartlitch will lend 30,000^li on the dutys upon parchm^t & paper, & begin to lend pt of ye said sum within ten daies, and proceed to compleat ye whole as fast as shalbe necessary. That the money soe lent, shalbe imprested to the persons so to be authorized by signe manual, upon acco^t that ye same (together with

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ye money arising from the plate) shalbe applyed to pay 5s 4d an ounce, ready money, to the bringers of ye plate; & to pay the charge of melting, refyning, reducing to standard, the plate & the charge of coynage & the charge of taking in the plate, *prout* ye Act.

"That these undertakers for sixpence an ounce, shall be obliged to defray the recompense of 2d an ounce, & to bear the worsness of ye plate, the charge of melting into ingotts & potts, the wast in melting the plate, the charge of refining ye silver, and all incidts, as ye servants' wages and the like, and making up the sweep, without any further demand for their owne paines, and for three half pence an ounce more, shall bear all ye charges of coynage, soe that all the plate, soe farr as this mony will extend, shalbe received & carryed standard into ye Mint, as if they were importers, and they are to receive the new money back againe, & be responsible for it, *prout* ye Act.

"The undertakes are to cause this plate to be melted at ye Exchequer, where they are to be under the inspection of such officer as my Lords shall appoint.

"They demand to have their tallys transferrd to ye Mault Act when desired, wch my Lords doe not agree to."

March 17. 4. "Commrs presentment for a warrt for alloweing 8,514l 6s 8½d hammered mony, recd by tale, to severall collectors accts, & for the carrying thereof, & of 243l 2s 2d, & of 4,808li 7s 6d, to the Mint in ye Tower, to be recoyned." Dated 17 March 1696–7.

Read "23 Mar. '96. A wt to be prepared."

Enclosed is a paper entitled:—"Hamered money received for the duty of excise and salt for sundry collectors and remaining in the hands of Charles Duncombe, Esqre." 3 *pages.*

March 18. 5. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending the copy of a letter from the Comrs of Victualling, as to the want of money. Dated 18 March '96–7.

Also the said copy. 2 *pages.*

March 18. 6. Memorial of the Comrs of Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, urgently seeking that they would order a supply, the tallies being useless. Dated 18 March 1696–7.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Mar. '96."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 140, 3 May 1697, is the following minute:—"Comrs of Sick and Wounded to have 10,000li in Exchequer bills, viz., 6,000li on the head of wages, & 4,000li on ye head of victuall." 1 *page.*

March 19. 7. Two letters and a petition, *docquetted:*—"Lord Montjoy. Lords Justices of Ireland represent in their letters, that the Lord Mountjoy hath presented a peticon to them, setting forth that his Maty in consideracon of his services and losses, was pleased to grant him a *custodiam* of 1,000li *per ann.* out of certain lands therein mentioned; but upon a genll comn since held, it appears that most of the lands are so incumbered, as not worth the charge of passing

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Transmitted in a letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 19 March 1696–7.

Minuted:—"14 Apr. '97. Rejected." A further *minute* on 21 Apr. '97, "The K. will grant this if ye lands are not otherwise disposed." 3 *pages.*

[? About March 19.] 8. Petition of Charles Feilding, Knt., to the King, praying for the grant of a lease for 31 years, of a lodge and some small enclosures, repaired by him at a cost of 800*l.* and upwards, which premises appertained to his office as sub-ranger in Dublin Park. Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 19 March 1696–7.

Minuted:—"20 Apr. '97. Rejected." 1 *page.*

[About March 22.] 9. Memorial of the Duchess of Cleveland to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that by Act of Parliament of 15 Car. II., the [revenue of the] post office was settled on the Duke of York, and the King had power to charge the same with any sum not exceeding 5,382*l.* 11*s. per ann.;* that the King granted to Lord Grandison and others, in trust for the Duchess, 4,700*l.* yearly, out of the profits of that office; that in King James' time the Duchess had an order to receive the weekly payment of 500*l.*, towards satisfying her arrears, &c.; that she was then in arrear above 13,000*l.*; that she had been obliged to take up money at interest, and owed near 10,000*l.*; praying for a dormant warrant, to receive henceforward the growing rents of her said annuity.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Mar. '96. To be layd before ye K. 16 Apr. '97. Rejected." 2½ *pages.*

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 237, 30 July 1697, is the following:—

"To Mr. Blathwait, that his Maty having been pleased to say, that when he gave direction for the Civil List, his Maty would be pleased to give order for the pension of the Duchess of Cleveland. Their Lops being earnestly applied to by her Grace, who hath recd no paymt for some time past, and appears to be in very great want, and considering that her title to ye said pension is secured by severall acts of parlt, their Lops could do no less, than to desire he would move the K. for his Mats direction concerning the said pension."

Again, on p. 243, 10 Aug. 1697:—

"Dutchs of Cleveland to have half a year's pension out of post office, on the significacon per Mr. Blathwayt from ye K."

And again, on p. 249, 24 Aug. 1697:—

"To the postmr, to satisfie ye Dutchs of Cleveland's warrt of 2,350l by 100li a week, for 23 weeks, and 50li the last week, the first paymt to be made this week."

March 24. 10. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, transmitting, for the information of the Lords of the Treasury, (1) an extract

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of some intelligence from the Duke of Shrewsbury, received from New Romney, that a general embargo was laid in France on all ships, and their men taken out to man the fleet, that their Lordships might furnish the Com^rs of the Victualling with speedy supplies of money to victual the fleet; (2) an extract from a letter from Rear Admiral Benbow, as to the condition the fleet at Spithead and elsewhere was in, for want of money and provisions, the men having been chiefly at sea for four years, and their blood corrupt with scurvy; praying for a supply of 14 days' fresh meat; and (3) an extract from a letter from Mr. Levermore, the agent for the sick and wounded seamen. Dated 24 March '96–7. 3 *pages.*

March 24. 11. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Arthur Robinson. He had been a considerable merchant in York, and with Isaac Sugden had become involved in debt to the Excise. Both remained in gaol in the Fleet; the petitioner proposed to pay 200*l.* on condition that both should be discharged from the debt. Dated 24 March 1696.

Minuted:—"18 May 1697. The Com^rs will enquire further if Robinson and Sugden be able to pay more."

Also the petition and three certificates. 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

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March 25. 12. Order in Council for the Lords of the Treasury, to give directions for the speedy passing the commissions for administering the oath to the governors of plantations, for the better executing the Acts of Trade. Dated 25 March 1697. ½ *page.*

March 25. 13. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending a letter received from the Com^rs of Victualling, to be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 25 March '97.

The copy of the letter referred to, showing the commands they had received for the supply of the fleet and their proceedings thereon. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 26. 14. A letter of Sir John Johnson and others to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq., *docquetted:*—"S^r Jn^o Johnson & al. proposal ab^t y^e plate."

With a postscript, in which they seek to be allowed to nominate one of the Com^rs, for collecting the duties on [paper], &c. Dated 26 March 1697.

An agreement had been made between their Lordships and the said Sir John and others, that they should be authorized under Royal sign manual to take in plate at 5*s.* 4*d.* an ounce, and they were to lend 30,000*l.* on the duties upon parchment and paper, &c. See extract from *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 106, 19 March 1696–7, printed at p. 18. ½ *page.*

March 26. 15. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Don James Cupillar and Xavier, secretary of his Excellency the Spanish ambassador, praying that the ship St. Francisco Los Animos, and the wine on board her, now under stop in the port of London, might be delivered, the ship having been seized

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by the officers of Customs under the navigation laws; informing their Lordships that Spanish ships had hitherto been allowed to import wines from the Canaries, but leaving it to their Lordships to countenance such a seizure upon so great a nicety of geography, wherein the maps and geographies are said to differ. Dated "26 March 1696–7."

The petition and three other documents.

Minuted:—"The seizure to be discharged." 6 *pages.*

March 27. 16. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing for their Lordships a copy of a letter sent from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty, which they had received from Com^r^ Greenhill at Portsmouth; giving an account of the necessity there was for timber out of the New Forest, or of a speedy supply of money to provide it, or the workmen would be at a stand in a month. Dated 27 March '97.

Also the said copy. 2 *pages.*

March 27. 17. Petition of William Lowther to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for their Lordships' order on Lord Ranelagh to pay Wm. Broune, of Pontefract, for arrears of quarters due from Richard Uthwait, lieutenant to Capt. Otway in Col. Farrington's regiment of foot, viz., out of his lieutenant's pay. Dated 27 March 1697.

Also copy of a bill given by the lieutenant on Mr. Bernard, agent to the regiment. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

March 28. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury as to what was a reasonable salary to allow the collector of Scarborough. Dated 28 March 1697.

Minuted:—"No augmentation of salary from the King." 1 *page.*

March 29. 19. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the King, on the petition of Elizabeth Ormsby, widow of Lieut.-Col. Ormsby, praying for a yearly pension for her support, in consideration of her husband's services (who was killed before Namur) and her ill circumstances. Dated 29 March 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 5 May 1697. To be considered when the list of widdows (is made up) of those slaine in y^e^ King's service."

"11 Aug. To have 50*l.* in the list now making."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

March 30. 20. Memorandum of covenants entered into between Francis Robartes and others, Com^rs^ of the Revenue in Ireland, and the Hon. Col. Gustavus Hamilton, governor of Athlone, in respect to large portions of land in Ireland, amounting to 4,678 acres, lying in the barony of Kiltartan and county of Gallway, formerly the "propriety of Roger ô Shagnassy a forfeiting person." Dated 30 March 1697.

Also petition of Col. Hamilton to the Lords of the Treasury, for a discharge of the rent of the *custodiam* of the O'Shaghnassies estate for one year.

Minuted:—"Read 6 May '97. The *custodia* rent to be discharged." 2 *pages.*

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March 30. 21. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the petition of Thomas Handcock, Esq., who had in 1691 been appointed to oversee the provisions of corn and hay made for the garrisons of Athlone and Bannagher, for which 500*l.* was due to him, and he was in arrear of quit rent 280*l.*; stating that they had referred the case to the Attorney-General, whose report thereon they enclosed. Dated 30 March 1697.

The report, which is very lengthy, finishes by advising that an allowance of 160*l.* above 227*l.* 10*s.* 11½*d.* was not unreasonable, and that their Excellencies might recommend the said sums to be allowed out of the quit rents of his estate.

Also the petition. 5 *pages.*

March 30. 22. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, hoping for a supply of at least 20,000*l.*, and 6,000*l.* for the three months' pay for the officers of the train, stating that they had a great charge upon them for stores and officers for the bomb vessels, amounting to 60,000*l.*, and further pressing for consideration of the poor artificers. Dated 30 March 1697. 1 *page.*

March 31. 23. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, transmitting an extract from a letter from the Com^rs of Victualling to the Com^rs of the Navy, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 31 March '97.

Also the said extract, which relates to "the victualling the Poole at the Nore," and sending down provisions thither for the Nonsuch &c., and complains of the hardship of the blame being laid on them when they had not been put in a capacity to effect the service required. 2 *pages.*

March 31. 24. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Abraham Elton of Bristol, merchant; praying the discharge of the prosecution of the sloop Samuel, on giving the officers satisfaction: in favour of the petitioner. Dated 31 March 1697.

Minuted:—"4th May 1697. A *noli prosequi*, giving satisfaction to the Officers." 3 *pages.*

April 3. 25. Report of Mr. S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Sorocold and George Gregson, both of Derby, gent., respecting the lead mines with the Lott* and Cope, and the office of Barmaster, within the wapentake and soke of Wirksworth in the county of Derby, which were part of the jointure of the Queen Dowager. Dated 3 April 1697. 2 *pages* (*one small quarto*).

[About April 7.] 26. Petition of Frances Dowsett, relict of Lieut.-Col. Dowsett, lately deceased. Through the long and chargeable sickness of her

* *Lott* is one dish of lead in a certain number. See Bailey. *Cope* is a tribute paid to the King out of lead mines. See Ib.

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husband, contracted in the King's service in Ireland, they had come to utter ruin, she being left wholly destitute with six children: praying for a pension out of the tenths of the clergy or otherwise.

With note of its reference to the Lords of the Treasury on 7 April 1697.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. Rejected." 1 *page.*

April 9. 27. Reply of Mr. John Smith to so much of the memorial of of Mr. Auditor Aldworth as related to himself as receiver of the land revenue for the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, denying the reception of 391*l.* 9*s. per ann.*, or of 2,729*l.* 17*s.* 8¾*d.* discharged in his declared account *anno* 1681. Dated 9 April 1697. 2½ *pages.*

April 9. 28. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending for the information of the Lords of the Treasury, extracts of letters from the Com^rs^ of Victualling, as to the impossibility of victualling certain ships unless they were supplied with ready money. Dated 9 April '97.

Also the said extracts. 4 *pages.*

April 10. 29. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending for the information of the Lords of the Treasury, extracts from letters received by the Com^rs^ of the Navy, and from Sir Edw. Gregory, Com^r^ of the Navy at Chatham, respecting the sufferings of the poor workmen in that and other yards for want of money. Dated 10 April '97.

Also the said extracts. 3 *pages.*

April 10. 30. Letter of the Lords Justices to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Auditor-General refused to issue debentures for the pay of the Com^rs^ for the custody of the Great Seal, and praying them to move His Majesty thereon. Dated 10 April 1697. 1 *page.*

April 12. 31. A letter signed "Rochford," to the Lords of the Treasury, announcing the King's pleasure to grant Sir John Elwes and Mrs. Ruthen, the executors of Mrs. Carew Jesson, one of the women of the late Queen's bedchamber, the sum of 700*l.* to be paid quarterly in three years to pay the debts of Mrs. Jesson. Dated 12 April '97. ½ *page.*

[About April 13.] 32. Petition of Robert Rochfort, Esq., to the King. He was a great sufferer by the late rebellion in Ireland, he had an estate near the lands in the annexed schedule, which he was desirous of purchasing in order to make a Protestant colony, but could not do it with safety unless he had a grant of the King's interest therein: praying for the King's interest in the same. Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 13 April 1697.

The lands were those of Henry FitzGerald (Meath), Nicholas Darcy (Westmeath), Sir Edw. Tyrrell, and Peter Tyrrell.

Minuted:—"Read 5^th^ May '97. To be laid before ye King at His Ma^ts^ return." 2 *pages.*

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April 13. 33. Report of John Digby, clerk to the trustees for the sale of fee farm rents, on the petition of Henry Tyson, who prayed for the grant of a quit rent, finding that in the county of Northumberland there were several fee farm rents and other quit rents unsold, to the value of 200*l.* *per ann.*, and upwards, but he had no record of a quit rent in Newcastle of 100*l.* *per ann.*, as stated. Dated 13 April 1697.

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 14.] 34. Petition of Charles Dering, Esq., to the King, praying for the grant of a further term of seven years of the *custodiam* of forfeited lands in Ireland in a list annexed, which had previously been granted to him for two years.

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97. Rejected."

Accompanied by the list of the lands. 3 *pages.*

[? About April 14.] 35. An abbreviate of a petition of Ann Eustace, *alias* Finding. Her husband, Christopher Eustace of Cradock's Town, in the county of Kildare, had been incapable of managing his affairs for 20 years, and Thomas Eustace, a Jesuit and brother of her husband, obtained the guardianship of the children, and received the profits of the estate from 1686, to the battle of the Boyne; praying a discharge of the four years quit rents, &c. whilst in the hands of the Jesuits.

Written on the back of a cover which once, perhaps, contained the petition, the Attorney-General's report, and the Lords Justices report thereon.

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97. Rejected." ¼ *of a page.*

[? About April 14.] 36. [Petition of Sir Francis Compton], stating that, on his petition for a grant to set up two lighthouses near Harwich, after the term of the present patent, the King had granted the same at a fine of 350*l.*; he had since been informed that it was of greater value than 1,700*l.*; praying the King to grant him the 1,200*l.* which he had told Lord Scarborough he would give.

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97. To have 1,200*l.* if he can gett it, & his Maty to have ye overplus, if any." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About April 14.] 37. Memorial of Arnold, Earl of Albemarle, to the King. King James II. granted to the Countess of Dorchester, several quit rents in Ireland for 99 years (if she lived so long) to the value of 5,000*l.* a year; praying for a reversionary grant of the same.

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97. To be done." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About April 14.] 38. Petition of Sir James Caldwell, Bart., to the King, showing that a *custodiam* of the forfeited estate of Dudley Bagnall, Esq., of about 900*l.* a year in Ireland was granted to him charged with 500*l.* and 320*l.* *per annum*; praying for a lease for 99 years of the estate, and 500*l.* *per annum* during the same term, out of lands in the annexed list, on account of the encumbrance.

Also the case of Sir James Caldwell, Bart., setting forth his sacrifices and services, which were very considerable; praying that the King would take his daughter Elizabeth's case into consideration.

Minuted:—"14 Apr. '97. Rejected." 3 *pages.*

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April 14. [? 1697.] 39. Memorial of Col. Richard Coote to the Lords of the Treasury. In consideration of his losses and the debt due to him, he had applied for a grant of the Lady Honora Bourk's portion forfeited, she having been married to Patrick Searsfeild, commonly called Lord Lucan, and since married to the Duke of Berwick, now in France outlawed; Lord Capel reported favourably on it; Lady Dorothy Bourke, daughter to the Earl of Clanrickard, who stated that she was a Protestant and on that account unprovided for by the Earl, had petitioned for all the forfeitures of the late Earl of Gallway and the Lord Bofine, amounting to 4,000*l. per ann.*; the allegations in the Lady Dorothy's petition were untrue, for Lord Clanrickard had settled 4,000*l.* on her; praying that their Lordships would lay this memorial before the King, at the same time with Lady Dorothy Bourk's report.

Undated, but it has the following minute:—"To be layd w^th^ Lady Dor. Bourk's papers. 14 Apr. '9." The incompleted date is probably 1697, and this petition not unlikely one of the "many other petitions read" on that day. (See *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 118, for that day.)

There is also the following in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 126, 20 April 1697:—"Lady Dorothy Bourk's petition to be carryed againe to morr. with those of Lord Mountjoy [and others]." 1 *page.*

[About April 15.] 40. Petition of Thomas Davis, one of the King's messengers, addressed to the King, praying that he might be allowed what money he had received from William May and William Bishop, pirates arrested by him in the western parts of England, and brought to Newgate, and afterwards executed; which moneys were claimed by the relations of the pirates.

Accompanied by the copy of a letter from Mr. Lowndes to Mr. Davis, messenger, on the same subject.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 15 April 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 5^th^ May '97. He must pay y^e^ money into y^e^ Exchequ^r^." 2 *pages.*

April 15. 41. Order of Council referring to the Treasury to consider what was proper to be allowed to the Governor and Lieut. Governor of New York and the Massachusetts Bay for salaries. Dated 15 April 1697.

With an enclosure headed—

"State of the salaries of His Ma^ties^ Governors and Lieut. Governors in the province of New England and New York." (*A copy.*) 2½ *pages.*

April 15. 42. Order in Council, granting the request of the clerks of the Privy Council for the continuance of 100*l.* a year to each of them for conducting the business of the Council of Trade and Plantations. Dated 15 April, 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Ap. '97. To be complyd w^th^." 1½ *pages.*

April 15. 43. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of Mr. Maurice Birchfield, and a

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report from the Com^rs of management of the King's Revenue and Forfeitures, as to the quantity and value of lands sought for by him; adding that they knew nothing to the contrary that the petitioner might not be deserving of the King's favour. Dated 15 Apr. 1697.

Also the list of the lands and other papers connected with the same. 7 *pages.*

April 16. 44. The case of Joseph Herne with regard to the President De la Tour's tallies in his custody, represented to the Right Hon. the Lord Galloway. Herne, by the authority of the President, had received orders and tallies on the continued impositions to the sum of 100,000*l.*, and then had 25,000*l.* of them remaining, which he was directed to deliver to Mons. Caillie of Geneva, but was under a difficulty as to the receipt to be given for them. Dated 16 Apr. 1697. 1½ *pages.*

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 124, 19 Apr. 1697:—

"S^r Jos. Herne & Councell ab^t Tallys in his hands. } M^r Soll^r as also S^r Joseph Hern w^th his Counsell S^r Barth^w Shore [? Shower] & Sir Tho. Powys.

"S^r Tho. saies S^r Joseph desires to be rid of ye tallys, soe as may be consistent with his Ma^ts pleasure, but desires to be safe. He gave a rec^t for 96,000^li for subsedys for ye Duke of Savoy for one year, from 10 Oct. '95 & 4,000^li for ye excha: in all 100,000^li per tallys & orders; his receipt by authority from Presid^t de la Tour & his letters owne his having ye m^o & he has p[ai]d 75,000^li regularly. If he can be safe in parting w^th the remayning 25,000^li he is ready. One Mons^r Caille here demands them for ye D. of Savoy, he has effects in Italy & other parts in amity w^th ye D. of Savoy, where ye D. make [may] recover them, & if a peace be concluded ye D. may recover them here.

"S^r Bart. Shore saies S^r Jos. is subject to suits abroad & here. They only desire that Mons. Caille may give a rec^t for them. If a man receives publique money for a particular use, he is answerable at law for that use. Or if la Tour will countermand his order to Caille & direct ye tallys otherwise, his order will be complyed with.

"M^r Sollicitor saies if these tallys were for ye use of ye D. of Savoy, pursuant to an agreement, and part of that agreem^t was not performed, in equity, the D. of Savoy ought not to have ye remaind^r of ye m^o, & cannot recover it.

"Counsell of the other side saies that ye money being actually rec^d, S^r Joseph Herne is accomptable onely to those for whom he rec^d it, and that no man will part with his money to depend on a suit in equity. That if Latour has advanced this 25,000 to ye D., S^r Joseph can have no equity ag^t him. My Lords wilbe ready to give such security to S^r Jos. Herne as is proper for ye King to give for his indemnity, in case he delivers up ye tallys for ye 25,000^li to ye K's use. The Counsell on both sides will meet at M^r Attorneys, to morr. in the afternoon, that ye K. may have an answ^r on Wednesd."

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There is a further minute on this in the same vol., p. 132, 27 Apr. 1697, to the effect that the Lords of the Treasury desired Lord Ranelagh to treat with Sir Jos. Herne to deliver 20,000*l.* of the 25,000*l.* in tallies formerly struck for the Duke of Savoy, and the other 5,000*l.* to remain as a security for any damage by the transaction.

And again, at p. 135, 30 Apr. 1697:—

He was unwilling to deliver up the 20,000*l.*; he says he told Lord Ranelagh he would deliver up 10,000*l.* presently, and 10,000*l.* more when there should be a decree for it; he thought he deserved the remaining 5,000*l.* for his services.

[? About April 16.] 45. Petition of the daughters of William Harbord, Esq., deceased, to the King. Their father was employed as Paymaster-General of the forces in the reduction of Ireland, and there was a balance of 2,525*l.* 5*s.* 3½*d.* due to the King, and further, their father was very zealous in the King's service, and died therein at Belgrade, on his embassy to the Ottoman Porte; praying that the balance might be remitted.

Minuted:—"The arrears to be demanded, ffre writ 16 April 1697." 1 *page.*

April 16. 46. Memorial of William Earl of Kinoul, reminding His Majesty that in his petition of the previous week he had set forth that he had not received anything out of the arrears of 1,000*l.* a year due to him out of the 4½ *per cent.* customs of Barbadoes, for nearly two years.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. To be p^d at ye rate of 500^l a year." ½ *page* (*quarto*).

April 17. 47. Petition of many poor widows and others, inhabitants of Dartmouth and parts adjacent, stating that they resided within three miles of Torbay, from whence were put on shore from the Royal Navy during the last summer, about 1,500 sick and wounded, whose condition the petitioners commiserating, received them into their houses and took all imaginable care of them, which had reduced them to great penury; praying for speedy payment. Dated 17 Apr. 1697.

With many signatures.

Minuted:—"To speake w^th ye Comm^rs of ye sick & wounded seamen. Read to y^m 9^th June '97." 1 *large page.*

April 17. 48. Letter by direction of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes, forwarding an extract from a letter received from the Com^rs of the Navy (wherein they state that the King's ships, the Suffolk, Burford, and Mountague, continue in Sir Henry Johnson's, Mr. Snelgrove's, and Mr. Castle's docks, without one stroke of work done, or like to be done, towards their repairs, for want of money); to be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 17 Apr. '97.

Also the said extract. 3 *leaves.*

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April 19. 49. Letter, by direction of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes, forwarding an extract of a letter from Captain Munden, as to the want of provisions for the fleet at the Nore; to be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 19 Apr. '97.
[The extract not now with it.] 1 *page.*

April 19. 50. Report of the Surveyor-General to the Lords of the Treasury on the state of the manor of Rygate in Surrey; with an account of the yearly rents and value; together with a note from the Lords of the Treasury directing him to make a *constat*, or send to the auditor for a particular of the premises, in order to a grant thereof, to Joseph Jekill, Esq, or such as he should nominate. Dated 19 Apr. 1697. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 20.] 51. Petition of John Gostling, clerk, one of the gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, showing that owing to his duties at that chapel he was obliged to maintain a curate on his living in the country, at a charge of 40*l.* *per ann.*, which was made up to him by an allowance by King Charles II. of 50 guineas *per ann.*, which had been continued to him, and was promised by the late Queen out of the Royal Bounty, through the late Archbishop Tillotson; praying for the arrears.
Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. Granted." 1 *page.*

[? About April 20.] 52. A paper signed "Schonburg & Leinster," showing that a gift was made to the late Duke of Schonburgh of 100,000*l.*, and a warrant passed for the payment of 25,000*l.* a year until the whole should be paid, but the King's affairs not permitting the payment thereof, 4,000*l.* a year was paid him, which, by his death, would fall to his eldest son, and there would be no provision for the younger children; praying for the preparation of a warrant to pass the great seals, in the same manner as to the Duke his father, and for a continuance of the interest at 5^{li} *per cent.* till the principal was paid.
Minuted:—"20 Apr. 1697. The K. will give any power, that there may be a disposition amongst younger children; he won't increase the interest; and as to ye princip^{ll}, future daies may be assigned for ye paym^{t}, so as His Ma^{ty} may not be enforced to pay ye money."
Also a duplicate. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 20.] 53. Petition of Major Henry Foubert to the King. The King had laid his commands on him to continue to take the academy settled by His Majesty, under his care; praying a warrant for the pension of 500*l.* a year for the same.
Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. A privy seal to be granted" and "w^{t} signed." 1 *page.*

[About April 20.] 54. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury as to what was necessary for the weekly subsistence of the persons and their families mentioned therein.
Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. These allowances are approved per y^{e} King." 1 *page.*

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[? About April 20, 16[97].

55. Memorial by Anthony Burnaby, of the Middle Temple, to the King, showing the necessity of adding another Commissioner of Excise to those already in being, and setting forth his claims to that employment as the projector of the new duty on malt.

Minuted:—"20 Apr. '97. My Lords are to consider this."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 151, May 11, 1697, is the following:—"Mr. Burnaby is cald in; he saies if there were 4 Riding Com^rs instead of 10 supervisors it would be more for ye K. service, and then many frauds may be detected; the frauds of brewers am^t to above 300,000^li *per ann.* The Com^rs say there are but six supervisors; he saies ye malt duty will not be subject to such frauds as ye Excise." 1 *page.*

[? About April 20.]

56. Petition of William Dockwra, of London, merchant, showing that at his sole charge he set up the penny post, and that about 14 years since he was deprived thereof by the arbitrary power of the late unhappy reigns; that the House of Commons ordered his case to be recommended to the King on his accession, on which 500*l.* *per ann.* was granted him for seven years; notwithstanding which he was above 10,000*l.* the worse for setting up the post; that he was about a month back appointed to manage the penny post in room of Mr. Castleton, but the salary was a bare 200*l.* *per ann.*, on which 40*l.* was taxed for the Capitation Act, &c.; praying the continuance of the pension of 500*l.* *per ann.* to bring up his eight children, most of whose portions had been sunk in setting up the penny post.

Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. To be continued for 3 yeares longer." "W^t signed."

Accompanied by "A short but true state of the hard case of Mr. Dockwra that set up the penny post, *anno* 1680, which the late K. James ravisht from him. Represented by way of acco^t of Debtor and Creditor."

Also a printed copy of the votes of the House for 16 May 1690, which included the resolution referred to. 4 *pages.*

[? About April 20.]

57. Petition of the Lord William Powlett to the King, showing that he had a grant, by patent, of all fines, &c. accruing upon judgments "*quod capiatur* and *capias pro fine*," and of all revenues upon the greenwax for 41 years, paying yearly 500*l.*, but for some years he had received nothing therefrom; praying for the fines of 6*s.* 8*d.* granted to the King by Act in the 5th and 6th years of his reign, on the several actions in that Act mentioned for the residue of the said term of 41 years, and for the remission of 250*l.* of the yearly rent and all such rent as was in arrear at Lady-day.

Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. 250*l.* a year from Lady-day last dur. the residue of ye term to be forgiven, & ye arreares due to Lady-day upon ye 500*l.* *per ann.*, but no further grant of fines. W^t signed." 1 *page.*

[? About April 20.]

58. Petition of George Boothe, Esq., to the King, showing that ever since the Revolution he had, in several capacities, contributed

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his utmost to the safety, honour, and interest of His Majesty's person and government, of his zeal wherein there were not wanting remarkable instances; praying for a grant of 700*l.* *per ann.* out of the tenths of the clergy for 31 years, or such term as the King thought fit.

Minuted:—"20 Ap. '97. 600li a year for 7 years. Wt signed."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 146, 7 May 1697, is the following:—"A dormt warrt for Mr Booths 600li *per annñ.* out of xths." *Part of a page.*

[? About April 21.] 59. Petition of Sarah Butler to the King, showing that her husband Capt. James Butler and two of her sons were slain at the fight of Aghrim, and before that another son at the fight of the Boyne; that her house and all she had was destroyed, her daughter slain, and herself much wounded; that she fled to England and was imprisoned for debt; praying for the royal bounty to enable her to go to Ireland.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 21 April 1697.

Minuted:—"26 May '97. Nothing can be done upon this." See other papers as to her case, Vol. XXIV., No. 59. 1 *page.*

[? About April 21.] 60. Memorial of Dr. Titus Oates to the King, stating that he was debarred of his pension, which His Majesty restored him at his accession, that he had contracted debts and must perish, unless the King ordered him 500*l.*, and that he had not clothes worthy to appear before His Majesty.

Minuted:—"21 Apr. 1697. Read. The King will give no more than his allowance." [Signature cut away.]

He was ordered to have 20*l.* on 4 Aug. 1697. *See Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 239; and 30*l.* on 15 Sept. following. *See ib.*, p. 257. 1 *page.*

[? About April 21.] 61. Report unsigned [but ? from the Lords of the Treasury], addressed to the King, concerning the agreements made with the colonels and agents of several regiments for obtaining payment of 26,758*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* to clear them to the 1st of April 1692: submitting it to the King what portion of the arrears should be allowed.

Minuted:—"21 Ap. '97. This is not a time for this."

A petition and a memorial from the colonels and agents, who had made a loan of 25,000*l.* on account of Irish arrears; and "An accot of what remains due to the following regiments to the 1st of April 1692, together with the proportion to be furnished by each regiment, to complete the 40,000*l.* to be advanced by them," &c.

Also "A list of ye regimts that have made the advance of the 25,000*l.* in proportion of the 40,000*l.*, with what arrears are due to them." 5½ *pages.*

April 23. 62. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, putting him in mind of his kind promise, that the payment of his two warrants was in the first exchequer bills, as he was forced to borrow money at extravagant rates for his subscription and for his equipage. Dated 23 April 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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April 24. 63. Presentment by the Com^rs for Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the appointment of Mr. Thomas Robinson and Mr. John George, as agents for prizes in Maryland, in place of Mr. Peter Jenings, who had been appointed to that service at their recommendation, but whom they then thought it necessary to supersede. Dated 24 April 1697.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Accompanied by an abstract of certain deeds relating to prizes taken within the limits of the African Company's charter, and the Hudson's Bay Company's charter, of which Lord Sydney and Mr. Glover had received a grant.

[It appears to have little or nothing to do with the other paper.] 2 *pages.*

April 24. 64. Letter from the Council of Virginia to the Lords of the Treasury, sent by Sir Edmund Andros's directions, to acquaint their Lordships with the King's commands, for charging the quit rents with 765*l.* 3*s.* 3½*d.*, and placing it to the revenue of the 2*s.* per hogshead for the government of New York and other services; also the King's further directions for remitting 665*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* to the Treasurer of the Ordnance, and for the payment of 100*l.* to Mr. Commissary Blair. They noticed the accounts before them and the debt on the revenue of 2*s.* per hogshead. The revenue had not arisen equal to other years, and on the other side there were salaries and contingent charges of 1,000*l.* sent for the King's service to the government of New York, together with the charge of a vessel commanded by the King to cruise, and for great guns and other emergent occasions. Dated 24 April 1697. 2 *pages.*

April 24. 65. "Affidavits of collectors in Cornwall concerning payment of clipt monies delivered in by Mr. Bescowen."

Accompanied by a letter signed John Ennys and Tho. Searle, enclosing the above affidavits. Dated Penryn, 24 April 1697. 4 *pages.*

April 24. 66. Report of Mr. S. Travers, Surveyor General, on the petition of Dame Penelope Tynt, widow of Sir Hugh Tynte, as to a lease of coal mines in Farrington, held by Sir Hugh, and previously held by Richard Mogg. Dated 24 April 1697.

Also the petition.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., pp. 177–9, on 2 June 1697, is the account of the hearing of this case before their Lordships, and the following is their conclusion respecting it:—"This being a matter of law, my Lords see no reason why they should intermeddle or give any direction upon the petition, w^ch is therefore dismissed." 4 *pages.*

[? About April 26.] 67. Petition of Samuel Allumbridge to the Lords of the Treasury. He had discovered several concealments in connexion with the duty on parchment and paper, but was denied to make oath about the same as he was the King's officer: praying to have access and free-

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dom, to declare to them the real truth of several omissions and irregularities practised. Rec[d] [*sic*] 11 May 1697.

Minuted :—" Read 26 Ap. '97. To be heard on Thursd. sennight in ye morning. The Com[rs], M[r] Crumpton & M[r] Bateman to be here then."

Also, another memorial of the said Samuel Alumbridge to their Lordships. He had followed the calling of a stationer, buying parchment and vellum of the maker in the country, sorting it and selling it to stationers, booksellers, and several others in and about London. He states that he was examined for their information, by certain gentlemen who first projected laying a duty on those commodities, and having spent the best part of five months, neglecting his other concerns, and almost ruining his family to promote the King's interests, he applied for employment as soon as Commissioners were appointed, to manage the duty; but the reply to his application was, that as he dealt in those articles he was not eligible; yet afterwards he obtained a warrant to search and seize goods concealed, or not entered, but without pay, except his share of the penalty, and thereupon he made several seizures. He complains that the goods were restored to the owners, and mentions a variety of information concerning the evasion of the duty, and submits that unless experienced officers are employed, the duty will come to little. With an enclosure giving further details. (Both undated.)

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 34, 2 Nov. 1697 :—" Com[rs] of Glass, &c. & M[r] Allambrig; he saies he has done sev[ll] services, and complaines that he has had no reward. Allambrig is to have 20[li] out of the money proceeding from ye sale of the paper of Anthony Staples, lately seized & condemn'd. They dismist him because he was seller of parchm[t]." 3 *pages.*

April 27. 68. Petition of Mr. John Mogg of Colemines, in the manor of Farrington-Gurney in the co. of Somerset, that a caveat might be entered against my Lady Tynt; who had petitioned the Lords of the Treasury for leave to bring a *scire facias* against a lease to the said John Mogg. Lady Tynt had married the Bishop of Durham, and the petitioner was prevented from proceeding at law for recovery of possession by reason of his Lordship's privileges. Dated 27 Apr. 1697.

See the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., pp. 177–9, 2 June 1697, where there is an account of the hearing of this case. It concludes thus :—" This being a matter of law, my Lords see no reason why they " should intermeddle, or give any direction upon the peticon, w[ch] is " therefore dismissed." 1 *page.*

April 27. 69. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Mendes De Costa of London, merchant; praying for a warrant to " non pros." the information against him in the Court of Exchequer for contravening the navigation laws: advising that he deserved to be relieved. Dated 27 Apr. 1697.

Minuted :—" Ult. Ap. '97. Granted." 2 *pages.*

[? About April 28.] 70. Report of the Com[rs] for managing the additional duties on Paper, on the petition of Anthony Staples, in respect to certain

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paper seized by Tho. Lovell and Samuel Allembridge, of the value of 174*l.*, of which no entry had been made pursuant to the Act; recommending the petitioner to their Lordships' favour on account of his poverty and ignorance [of the law].

Accompanied by the petition which was referred for their report on 28 Apr. 1697.

Minuted :—"Rec^{d} 6 May '97. Read 26 ditto. To be laid before my L^{ds} when y^{e} Comm^{rs} & Allembridg attend this board." 2 *pages.*

April 28. 71. Letter of the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying the King's pleasure that 1,000*l.* be forthwith paid to the Marquis of Winchester for providing his equipage as one of the Lords Justices of Ireland; that the like sum be paid to the Lord Viscount Villiers; that the Commission of Customs be renewed, and that the warrant for it be filled up with the names of Charles Godolphin, Esq., Sir Walter Young, Bart., and five others; that their Lordships lay before the King what they propose about altering the Commission of Excise; that the interest from the Exchequer to the Duke of Schonburg be made up 5 *per cent.*, &c.; that assurance for their debt be given to the tradesmen who furnished goods by the King's special command to the value of 5,269*l.* for the King's bed-chamber, and withdrawing room at Windsor, for his house at Hounslow, and apartments at Kensington and Whitehall; that they make enquiry for lands to the value of 600*l.* *per ann.*, the King intending to bestow that amount out of the forfeited estates in Ireland, on the Marquis of Puisars; that Col. FitzGerald, Controller of the Musters and Cheques in Ireland, have his salary, &c., and that upon the payment of Clancy's fine of 500*l.* Col. Nicholas Purcell should have 100*l.* Dated 28 April 1697.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 134, 30 April 1697 :—"A warr^{t} to be prepared for 1,000^{li} for Marq^{s} of Winchester's equipage." 1¼ *pages.*

April 29. 72. Representation by the Com^{rs} of Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, of the state of the arrears, begging their Lordships to pay them at least one whole year, amounting to nearly 30,000*l.* out of two and a half years. Dated 29 April 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 140, 4 May 1697, is :—"Com^{rs} of Sick & Wounded to have 10,000*l.* in Exchequer bills, viz^{t}, 6,000^{li} on the head of wages & 4,000^{li} on ye head of victuall."

Minuted :—"Read 3 May '97." 1 *page.*

April 29. 73. Letter of Mr Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes to remind the Lords of the Treasury of His Majesty's order that the debt of 96,800 guilders due to Mons. D'Odijke for the Zeland transports, should be satisfied by tallies on the land tax; at the rate of 1*l.* sterling for nine guilders. Dated Hague, $\frac{29 \text{ April}}{9 \text{ May}}$ 1697.

Minuted :—"Orderd."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 142, 5 May 1697, is :—"The value of 96,608 guild^{rs} at the rate of a pound sterling, for every nine guild^{rs}, to be paid with interest, according to His Ma^{ts} warr^{t} to

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Monsr Odyke, for the Zeland transports, out of the like tallys, pursuant to His Mats pleasure signified per Mr Blathwait from ye Hague, 29 Ap. / 9 May. } '97." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About April 30.] 74. Petition of Arthur, Lord Viscount Irwynne, of the kingdom of Scotland, showing that he paid into the hands of — Palmes, Esq., one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, 1,440*l.* in old money: praying the repayment thereof or that their Lordships would give them both a hearing.

Accompanied by the copy of the receipt for that amount by the deputy of the Teller.

Minuted:—"Ult. Apr. 1697. Read 4 May '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 139, 4 May 1697, is the following:—"Mr Palmes, Mr Wmson, Mr Peters, & Mr Machell about 1,440li claymd by Machel for the Lord Irwyn to be due from Palmes or Peters. There was so much clipt mony sent per Lord Irwyn in June '96 to Mr Palmes, and it was with other mo[ney] charged in the Exchequer in the name of Ralph Wmson, Recr of land tax, & Peters since gave his note to be accoble to Lord Irwyn in such proportion as he should receive from Wmson. Machel would have the whole 1,440li in new money or at 5sh. 2d an ounce. Palmes & Peters say they are to pay only in proportion as they receive from Wmson. Wmson saies he is ready to pay at 5s 8d an ounce. At this rate Palmes & Peters say the Lord Irwyn will gett above 400li more then his clipt mo was worth." 2 *pages*.

[About April 30.] 75. Petition of Edward Batchelor to the Lords of the Treasury, for the place of housekeeper and surveyor to the Comrs of Hackney coaches.

Minuted:—"The place is dispos'd of."

Docquetted:—"Ult. Apr. '97." 1 *page*.

April 30. 76. Letter of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. They could think of nothing that would help the artificers, but a large apportionment of Exchequer bills then ready to be given out; they compare the artificers with persons employed by the navy; the whole trade of gunmakers was quite ruined by payments in tallies which were paid to them as ready money and the prices not at all advanced; there was an unavoidable necessity of remitting at least 80,000*l.* to Flanders, 30,000*l.* immediately, and 10,000*l.* on foreign bills presently; besides 6,000*l.* which Col. Goor got credit for, without which he could not have taken the field; no bomb vessels would go out that summer, which would ease the office of 115*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* weekly, &c. Dated 30 April 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 139, is:—"Officers of Ordnance. They say as to their tallys (about 300,000li) on deficient fonds, some propositions will soon be made to their Lops. That a supply of at least 240,000li is necessary at present, & 6,000li for ye Flandrs trayn must be paid, to keep credit wth the States Genll, wch Mr Meesters will return at 10 gl 10 stivers to Rotterd. & 10 gl 12 st. to

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Antwerpe. Mr Gibbons having tallys for 10,000li on land tax deposited for 8,000li advanced in Flandrs, they cannot be turnd into mo[ney] at less than 36 *per cent.*, for wch they desire leave. My Lords order a warrt for 200,000li for land service & 50,000li for sea service to ye Ordnance by Exchequr bills." 3 *pages.*

April 28 and 30. 77. "Proposal of Daniel Neale [Brewer] for purchasing ye share of ye Phœnix Brew-house, stock in trade, & other forfeited estate of the late Sir John Freind." Dated 30 April 1697.

Also two other papers relating to the same property; one signed Nathaniel Philipps. Dated 30 April 1697; and the other, Anthony Sturt. Dated 28 April 1697. 3½ *pages.*

April. 78. Petition of Hugh Rowley of Calmore, Esq., to the King, showing that the petitioner was the first Protestant justice of the peace in Ireland; that he was turned out of commission by the late Earl of Tyrconnell for his early appearing for an English Protestant interest, and for his endeavours to suppress the insolence of the Irish rebels, for which reason they took most of his goods and pillaged and burnt his and his tenants' houses and wasted his estate; that 500*l.* of his goods were conveyed to Londonderry, which were there made use of by the garrison during the siege; that he was damnified above 5,000*l.* by the Irish rebels, and having sent advice and intelligence to Londonderry, he was searched for, taken prisoner, and narrowly escaping, fled to England, where he stayed till the King went to Ireland, and then returned thither with His Majesty, and having lost all his substance was put into an employment, the great stores of war in Dublin being committed to him by the then Lords Justices, and the King conferred upon him the place of storekeeper of the Ordnance of Ireland, which employment he discharged with indefatigable care and diligence, as is certified by the late Lords Justices, to the Earl of Rumney when Secretary of State; this employment ended with that war; and for his services he got no manner of satisfaction; but by the Government successively he had been promised he should be better provided for, and receive satisfaction for his services when there was a fund for it. Praying His Majesty, in consideration of his services, losses, and sufferings, to give him a grant of the forfeited lands and leases in a schedule annexed, which are of small value. Undated, but April 1697, by comparison with another petition from him, which speaks of this petition as of this date.

Accompanied by the schedule referred to.

Minuted:—"Ref. into Ireland." 2 *pages.*

[? April.] 79. Papers relating to payments made by the Duke of Wirtemburg, or by his authority in Flanders and Ireland in connection with the Danish troops. From the years 1691 to 1696.

They appear to have been brought together with the view of getting a settlement of the claims in the year 1697, as there is the following minute:—

"16 Ap. '97. To be consd upon a proper day." 12 *pages.*

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1697. [? About April.] 80. Petition of Richard Earl of Ranelagh to the King, showing that he was a great sufferer by the late war in Ireland, having lost nearly 12,000*l.* of rent, and his castles of Roscommon and Athlone being utterly ruined, his mansion in Dublin being pulled down for timber to build a mass house there ; praying for a grant of 500*l. per ann.* out of the forfeitures in the counties of East and West Meath, and in the province of Connaught ; also the inheritance of his house at Chelsea, with the 23 acres thereto belonging, already granted to him for 99 years ; in order that he might make a settlement in his family.

Minuted :—" 4 May 1697. Sent to y^e^ Board p the Earl of Sunderland & read. Respited till his Ma^ts^ return." 1 *page.*

[? About April.] 81. Petition of Aubrey Earl of Oxford to the King, showing that some years before, Father Peters, the Jesuit, paid to Sir Willm. Gerrard 3,000*l.* towards building a popish college in the parish of Wigan (Lancaster), which being discovered would come to the King ; praying that that sum might be granted to him. Undated.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 129, 23 Apr. 1697, is :—" Earl of Oxford to have 2,000^li^ bounty, by 200^li^ presently, and 200^li^ a month." 1 *page.*

[About Apr. or May.] 82. Petition of John Peirce, a sworn broker, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for their licence to act and deal in buying and selling tallies and other securities, upon funds granted by Parliament ; with a certificate in his favour, signed by 11 persons. Undated, but April or May 1697, by comparison with other similar petitions. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

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1697 May 4. 1. Petition of John Barber, " imbroyderer," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. He had for several years endeavoured to obtain from the King a debt of 476*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, for embroidery done for the Chapel Royal, at Whitehall, &c., bespoke by King James II., but not made use of till the present reign ; praying them to mediate with His Majesty for the same or for a pension. Dated (on the dorse) 4 May '97.

Minuted :—" Read 6 Oct. 1699. Lett M^r^ Glanville see what answer was made when this pretension was formerly layd before the King." [See previous petitions Vol. III., 14, and Vol. XVIII., 12.] 1 *page.*

May 4. 2. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had received Mr. Lowndes' letter of the 30th, with many papers and war-

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rants to be signed; but whilst he was drudging for him, at great expense, he prayed him not to fail to procure the payment of his allowance by Exchequer bills, without which he could not subsist, &c.

Adding, I send you the good news of His Majesty's recovery, &c. Dated Zuylestein, $\frac{[4]}{14}$ May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 175, 1 June 1697, is:—"A letter to be written, per W. L., to Mr Blathwait, to desire him to represent these particulars to His Maty.

"A postscript.—That as to his owne particular, my Lords have orderd his warrt for 1,000li for his equipage in Exchequer bills, wch is ye most they can appt out of that fond; and as to his warrt for his allowance, their Lops intend to satisfye ye same, when they can make a distribution of ye credit on ye Mault Act." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 4. 3. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's pleasure was, that the pensions due to the Lord Culpeper and Lord Evers should forthwith be paid. Dated Zulestein, $\frac{4}{14}$ May 1697.

Minuted:—"200li a piece out of ye remotest malt ticqts."

This minute is also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 258, 17 Sept. 1697. 1 *page*.

May 4. 4. Representation by the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury that certain sums had been received in Exchequer bills "not for the duties of Excise, but an office receit given for the same, "as money to be received again in money from our collector in the "country." They conceived that by the late act and proclamation Exchequer bills *were* to be received for duties of Excise, but not in this manner. Dated 4 May 1697.

Minuted:—"My Lords disapprove this practice for the future."

Also, an opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General thereon. 2¼ *pages*.

May 4. 5*a*. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the expenditure for a more than ordinary watch upon the coast of Kent and Sussex, to prevent intelligence, &c. to and from France; and as to the remuneration of riding surveyor, &c. about Canterbury. Dated 4 May 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 4 May 1697. Comrs Customes to consider of a recompence for Mr Manley, and to propose an establishment for the guard of the coast of Sussex. Mr Manley's expences agreed to, as also Mr Newton's & Capt. Janeway." 2 *pages*.

May 4. 5*b*. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had received the letter relating to the march and transportation of the eight battalions for Flanders; viz., that the six quartered nearest should embark first and the others come nearer London to be ready. They were to march and embark according to the directions given by the King at the Treasury, which the Earl of Ranelagh well knew; the measure of their subsistence was to be as far as the troops were subsisted in Flanders; upon which footing the King would expect that they should be transported to Zeland. Dated Zulestein, $\frac{4}{14}$ May 1697. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

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[About May 5.] 6. Petition of Robert Alcock to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to grant him the place of running surveyor of the glass tax, or such other employment as they thought fit, or, at least, an order to receive the arrears of subsistence due; the petitioner having discovered several clubs and unlawful meetings of the Jacobites.

Also a certificate at the foot, in his favour, signed Nicholas Baker. Received 5 May 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 21 May '97. Mr. Baker should reward him according to y^e^ service he does." 1 *page.*

May 5. 7. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Thomas Burk, praying for consideration of his services, and for such bounty as was received by officers who came in to the King's service upon the capitulation of Limerick. Dated 5 May 1697.

Copy of certificate of Lord Berkeley, showing that he served at the battle of Landen, and had his horse killed under him, and was made prisoner, &c.

Also a portion of his petition. 2 *pages.*

May 5. 8*a*. An estimate of the several repairs necessary in various of the King's parks, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. Signed, "Phil Ryley." Dated 5 May 1697.

Minuted:—"12 May '97. My L^ds^ will consider of it before y^e^ workmen goe upon y^e^ repairing y^e^ premisses." 1 *page.*

May 5. 8*b*. Petition of William Hatton to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for licence and authority to negotiate tallies and stock; he having been bred a merchant, and being a broker upon the Exchange. Dated, on the back, 5 May '97.

Also a certificate in his favour, with numerous signatures. Dated 13 Apr. 1697. 2 *pages.*

May 6. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Ward, master of the ship Yarmouth, employed to carry stores for the navy, praying for a "*noli prosequi*" to certain informations against him for importing French prunelloes, bought at Cadiz as prize goods: objecting nothing to his discharge. Dated 6 May 1697.

Minuted:—"18 May '97. Approved."

The petition and copies of two other reports thereon. 5 *pages.*

May 6. 10. Letter of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. With great difficulty they had brought the artificiers to take salt tallies at 25*l*. *per cent.* discount, receiving one-third part in Exchequer bills, which would enable them to buy Bank bills, to subscribe the tallies into the Bank of England: the tallies in their hands amounted to 330,865*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. Dated 6 May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 149, 11 May 1697, is:—

"Officers of Ordnance. My Lords take into consideration their

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1697. memll of ye 6th, in behalf of ye artificers offering to take ye tallys on salt at 25 *per cent.* discᵗ, receiving at ye same time one third part in Exchequer bills, to enable them to buy Bank bills, to subscribe into ye Bank of England.

" Mr Wm Hatton, a broker, will indeavour to discᵗ tallys on the land tax, after 1,208,000li for the ordnance, at ye lowest rate.

" The said Wm Hatton is to be lycenced to deal in tallys.

" The officers of ordnance will attend againe on Friday morn.

" Mr Barrow, broker, will endeavour to discᵗ tallys for ye ordnance *ut supa*." 2 *pages.*

About May 6. 11. Petition of John Mathias, and Mary his wife, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the passing a lease of nine small shops, in the town of Wrexham, in the county of Denbigh, in North Wales.

Minuted:—" Read 6 May '97. My Lords will hear all parties concern'd in Octobr next." 1 *page.*

[About May 6.] 12. The petition of David Avila to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had been admitted and sworn broker on the Exchange, and praying to be admitted in the number for tallies, &c. Recd 6 May '97.

With a certificate at the foot, of his fitness, with several signatures. 1 *page.*

[? About May 7.] 13. Petition of Jhon Rabault [de] la Coudriere to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that there was a warrant of 200*l.* a year pension to him from 1 March 1695, no part of which was paid: praying for a year's allowance to enable him to attend the King in Flanders as he was required to do.

The second minute is:—" Read 7th May '97. To be consider'd wth ye rest of ye pentionrs." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 7. 14. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of David Jones, and the report of the Comrs of Revenue and Forfeitures, and those of the Attorney General and the Auditor General on the said petition, which prayed for a grant of the custody of certain lands for 21 years, as contained in an accompanying list. Dated 7 May 1697.

The lands had belonged to Theobald FitzGerrald, [ ] Humphreys, and James Talbott.

In addition to the above papers there are the three official letters sending the petition to be reported on. 11 *pages.*

May 7. 15. Letter from Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the warrant for the Comrs of Customs, and that for the Marquis of Winchester's equipage money as one of the Lords Justices of Ireland, signed by the King. Dated Zulestein, $\frac{7}{17}$ May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 134, 30 April 1697, is the following entry relating to the above warrant:—" A warrt to be prepared for 1,000li for Marqs of Winchester's equipage." 1 *page.*

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[About May 7.] 16. Petition of Abraham Cardel, of London, to the Lords of the Treasury. He was a sworn broker, "according to the late Act," and prayed their Lordships "to let him act, or deal, or drive any bargain or contract on tallies or other securities, upon any fund or funds granted by Act of Parliament." Rec^{d} 7 May '97.

With a recommendation of the petitioner, signed by several persons. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About May 7.] 17. Petition of Nicholas Aubertin to the Lords of the Treasury. He had omitted nothing to make himself serviceable to the present Government, to the hazard of his life, &c.: praying as a reward for any sort of employment suitable to his capacity. Rec^{d} 7 May '97. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About May 7.] 18. Petition of Thomas Lewes, citizen and stationer of London. He was a licensed broker of the city of London, and prayed for their L^{ps} permission for the buying and selling tallies or other securities.

Accompanied by a certificate in his favour, signed by 12 persons, and a recommendation on the petition itself. Rec^{d} 7 May '97. 2 *pages*.

May 8. 19. Report of the Com^{rs} for Prizes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting a list of such ships as had been delivered by them for their Majesty's service, to the Lords of the Admiralty; together with a list of other ships that had been detained from them and employed in the King's service, of which they had no account; as also a list of several other ships they had discharged after condemnation, in obedience to their Majesties' orders; as also an account of what goods they had delivered for their Majesties' use; together with a list of ships, goods, and gratuities given away by their Majesties' orders, amounting to 37,046*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* over and above the tonnage and gunnage due to the captains of the men-of-war. Dated 8 May 1697. 1 *very large page*.

May 10. 20. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, forwarding the copy of a paper from the workmen of the yards at Woolwich and Deptford, setting forth their extreme want of pay, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 10 May '97.

Also the said copy. 2 *pages*.

May 10. 21. Answer of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a complaint made against them for not carrying hammered money to the Mint at York, but taking it to London. Dated 10 May 1697.

Also a letter from the officers of the Mint at York to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to one from them of 30 April, respecting accounts of money received by the officers, and as to coining money there collected for taxes, &c. 4½ *pages*.

May 10. 22. Memorial to the Earl of Ranelagh for the recruits in Scotland, showing that Col. Geo. Hamilton had charge of the recruits for the

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Scotch regiments, and that 2,000*l.* had been issued in tallies for paying the transport ships, which tallies, if discounted, would not make 1,200*l.* in money; praying that 2,000*l.* might be paid in money, or the recruits must be disbanded for want of transportation. Dated 10 May 1697. ½ *page.*

[About May 10.] 23. Petition of Elias Paz, of London, to the Lords of the Treasury. He was admitted a broker, and prayed to be admitted as one of the brokers to the Treasury.

With a recommendation of him by several persons. Rec^d^ 10 May '97. 1 *page.*

May 11. 24. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning a case between the King and Capt. Sands, in the Court of Exchequer; as to an allowance of 5 *per cent.* out of duties payable by the Act of the 2nd year of the King's reign, for granting certain impositions on East India goods, &c., above the discount of 10 *per cent.* for ready money.

Minuted:—"Read 11^th^ May 1697. M^r^ Sol^r^ Gen^ll^ coming in, he is desired to take care of this matter, & to desire M^r^ Att. Gen^ll^ to doe the same." 1 *page.*

May 11. 25. Letter of Sir Wm. Ashurst [Knt., and alderman of London], not addressed, respecting his own and Dalton's debts, stating that he requested nothing more in this petition than what was already granted by his former grant, but wanted an order to supply a defect of that grant; he had already expended near 300*l.* in the matter, and had not received 50*l.* Dated 11 May 1697.

Minuted:—"12 May '97. My L^ds^ think they ought not to recede from their former minute."

Also the petition of the said Sir Wm., which recited that he had a grant of the forfeited estate of Richard and Andrew Dalton, late of Dublin, merchants outlawed, and indebted to him 1,218*l.* 6*d.*

This is minuted:—"5 May '97. S^r^ W^m^ to exhibit an acco^t^ of what remaynes owing to him (excepting exchange), and a schedule of ye debts & other effects of Dalton, that in case His Ma^ty^ will extend his favour, the new grant may be ascertayned."

Also another petition from him to the King on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

May 11. 26. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Morgan Powell, comptroller of Customs in the port of Milford, praying leave to surrender his employment to his kinsman, Mr. Wm. Hall; in favour of the transfer. Dated 11 May 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 11 May '97. My Lords cannot doe this, being ag^t^ a rule of the board."

Also the petition and a certificate. 3 *parts of pages.*

May 11. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Hon. Charles Egerton, Esq., to His Majesty, praying that he would grant him the duty of French

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tonnage, during life, as Sir Bernard Gascoin held the same, giving an account of how the duty had been managed, but leaving it to their Lordships to dispose of it. Dated 11 May 1697.

Also the petition and two accounts of the said duty.

Minuted:—"11th May '97. To be layd before ye K. Read 15 xbr '97 to his Maty. Respited till ye comerce is settled."

This minute is the same in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 77, 15 Dec. 1697. 4 *pages.*

May 11. 28. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning all the warrants signed by the King to be countersigned by their Lordships. The matter relating to Lord Conningsby was determined by the King in his favour, as he would see by one of the warrants. Dated Breda, $\frac{11}{21}$ May 1697. 1 *page.*

May 11. 29. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that upon the suggestion of the Earl of Gallway and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that Sir Thomas Southwell should be made one of the Comrs of the Revenue in Ireland, the King signified his pleasure that a new commission should pass, and the name of Mr. Evelin or Mr. Carlton should be left out, as their Lordships should determine, and Sir Thomas should be added. Dated Breda, $\frac{11}{21}$ May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 159, 13 May 1697, is:—"A letter to renew the Comon for ye Revenue in Ireland & Sr Thomas Southwell, Bart., to be in ye room of Mr. Carlton." 1 *page.*

May 12. 30. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Pitt, praying for a *noli prosequi* to stop further proceedings taken concerning a parcel of muslin neckcloths seized by some of the officers of the Customs, upon payment of the duties thereon, and satisfaction of the officers of Customs. Dated 12 May 1697.

Minuted:—"18 May '97. Granted."

The petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

[?About May 12.] 31. Petition of Robert Squibb, clerk to the Right Hon. the Lord Fitzharding, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for consideration of his loss amounting to 1,689*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* occasioned by clipt moneys, tallies, &c. connected with his office, which appears to have been that of one of the tellers of the Exchequer.

To which is added "A particular of money disbursed, &c. by Robert Squibb." Received 12 May '97.

Minuted:—"29 Sepr. My Lords see noe reason to make any allowance." 2 *pages.*

[About May 12.] 32. Petition of Joseph Barker to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed a surveyor of the duties on windows, births, burials, &c.

Minuted:—"Rejected."

Received 12 May '97. 1 *page.*

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[? About May 12.] 33. Petition of John Bridger and Benjamin Furzer to the Lords of the Treasury. They had been appointed four months since by the Lords of the Admiralty as agents to go to New England, to render an account of the productions of that place as to naval stores, and they had been informed by Sir Henry Ashurst, there was an order in council for 500*l.* for that service; praying that it might be paid to them or the service would be delayed a year.

Indorsed:—"Recd. 12 May '97." 1 *page.*

[? About May 13.] 34. Petition of John Day, sub-collector of the King's tenths out of the diocese of Bath and Wells. He had received in hammered money 819 ounces 15 pennyweights at 5*s.* 8*d.* per ounce, which the officer of the Mint refused to receive; pretending it ought to have been paid sooner; praying directions to the officer to receive the same.

Referred to the officers of the Mint, 13 May 1697, for their opinion.

Also an affidavit relating to the same.

Minuted:—"May 25, 1697. To be allowed if he proves he rec^{d} it att 5*s.* 8*d.* an ounce."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 167, 25 May 1697, is the same minute. 2 *pages.*

May 13. 35. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Stratford, stating that he had received his letter from Hamburgh, and had shown to the King so signal a proof of his extraordinary readiness to serve His Majesty, as the advancing to the Duke of Holstein the arrears due for his Highness' troops. The King was very sensible of so frank a proceeding, and had instructed the Lords of the Treasury not to fail to reimburse him. He was sorry he had not the good luck to meet Mr. Stratford in Holland or at Loo, which was prevented by their hastening into those parts, on the occasion of the siege of Ath, towards the relief whereof, if practicable, the King would proceed on the morrow. Dated Malines, $\frac{13}{23}$ May 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About May 13.] 36. Memorial of Sir John Talbot, one of the surviving trustees, appointed for the sale of fee farm rents, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring directions might be given to the auditors, to make a speedy return of what fee farm rents (set apart for payment of pensions) were defective, and what were unsold, &c.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 13th May. 29 May '97, ordered." 1 *page.*

May 15. 37. Report of Mr. Mord[ecai] Abbott to the Lords of the Treasury, on the annexed account of what was demanded by the Lord Walden. There was an arrear to the 1st of Jan. last of 619*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* due to him, but the subsistence should be forthwith paid him. Dated 15 May 1697.

Also the said account.

Minuted:—"Read 21 May '97. He wilbe paid wth the gen^{ll} officers that go to Flanders." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

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May 17. 38. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The Duke of Wirtemberg had applied to the King upon the disappointment his agent had met with, in [not] having Exchequer bills for the recruits of the Danish forces as others had; giving His Majesty's instructions about the same. His Majesty was much importuned as to the value of 6,000 pistols for the four battalions of Brandenburg, lately come from Italy, which he would have made good to them in ready money or tallies. Asking that their Lordships' order to Lord Ranelagh should be given. Dated Camp on Iseringe, $\frac{17}{27}$ May '97. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

May 18. 39. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Pickering, merchant, praying for a *noli prosequi* upon a seizure of a parcel of ginger by Henry Canby and other searchers. Advising that they saw no cause to "*non pros*" the information. Dated 18 May 1697.

Minuted:—"Rejected."

The petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages*.

May 18. 40. Similar report, on the petition and papers of Giles Dowle, praying the payment of a debt for moneys expended by him in the prosecution of divers persons for the planting of tobacco, stating that what was remembered about it was not much to his advantage; and further as to the discovery by him of an estate of a Mr. Wicks, he might deserve such recompense as their Lordships thought fit. Dated 18 May 1697.

Also the petition and copies of six other documents.

Minuted:—"18 May '97. When the money is actually rec^d^ then consideracon to be had of his service w^th^ regard to what hath been p^d^ him already." 1 *page and* 6 *parts of pages*.

May 18. 41. Similar report, on the representation of Don Phelip de la Guerra, agent and consul from His Catholic Majesty, to their Lordships, praying, for the considerations therein mentioned, that their Lordships would discharge the seizure of a parcel of Castilla wines by him imported; leaving to their Lordships' consideration the remission of the King's third part of the forfeiture. Dated 18 May 1697.

Minuted:—"18 May 1697. My Lords cannot remitt ye King's p^t^ of ye forfeiture, because no custom or duty is pd."

Also the said representation. 2 *pages*.

May 19. 42. "Petition of John Lowe and Peter Le Neve, deputy chamberlains of the Exchequer, for allowance for attending the Lords in the Duchy Court to see the clipt money told and weighed." Dated 19 May 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 26 May '97. To have 50^li^ a piece." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page*.

[About May 19.] 43. Richard Lyndon's answer to Mr. Done's false and scandalous letter to Mr. Lowndes, dated 13 May 1697, setting forth his various

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grievances, the chief of which was the turning him out of his office without any cause, in which he had been above 40 years; desiring to be heard by their Lordships. Dated May [ ] 1697.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 19th May '97. He being a serv^{t} to M^{r} Done, my L^{ds} think y^{m}selvs not concerned to intermeddle in it." 3 *pages.*

May 20. 44. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, by the King's command, to acquaint the Lords of the Treasury with the necessity for a further provision for the subsistence of the army beyond the 200,000*l.* intended for that service. The King desired to be informed what funds their Lordships designed for that purpose, as the army was in great straights for want of payment. Dated Camp at Iseringhen, $\frac{20}{30}$ May 1697. 1 *page.*

May 20. 45. Report of Mr. S. Travers, surveyor-general, on the petition of the Lord Viscount Villiers. The subsidy and aulnage of old and new draperies, with the moiety of forfeitures for not making and selling clothes according to the statute, were granted by King Charles II. to Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox, for 60 years, at rents amounting to 997*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* In 1681 the Duchess Dowager of Richmond petitioned for a further term of 40 years, then valued at 3,000*l.* a year. He did not find that she obtained the reversion, but she did obtain a grant of the reserved rent of 997*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* for life, paying 20*s.* *per ann.* to the Exchequer, so the improved value was at the King's disposal after about 27½ years, and the rent after her death. He was informed two leases had been granted hy her Grace, of this office and duties, at 2,000*l.* *per ann.* rent above the rent aforesaid, and fines of 10,000*l.* for a term of 20 years, so that the advantage to her Grace was about 4,000*l.* a year. The yearly value, as appeared in a paper delivered to the House of Lords, was 7,350*l.*, which was above 3,000*l.* a year profit to the farmers. He was of opinion that if their Lordships advised the King to grant the petitioner the rent from the Duchess's death, and the improvement for 99 years after the term in being, it might be valued at 16,000*l.* though the profits were casual, depending on the freedom of trade, &c. Dated 20 May 1697.

Accompanied by the petition, part of which is torn away.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 72, 8 Dec. 1697, is :—

"Lord Villiers. Report about the alnage is read. Respited." 3 *pages.*

May 20. 46. Report of the Postmasters-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wm. Mathews, deputy-postmaster of Oxford. The petitioner had from time to time craved an allowance for 7*l.* 5*s.*, but the matter being before their time, and the accounts lost, it had not been allowed; submitting it to their Lordships, as he had made an affidavit thereon.

Minuted:—"Allow^{d}."

Likewise he sent up to the Receiver of the Post Office 18*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* in white farthings, but the patentees for making copper farthings not having exchanged the white farthings of the office in such pro-

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portion as they (the postmasters) thought they were obliged, the sum remained in the Receiver's hands, but they believed the patentees would exchange it, if directed.

Minuted :—"Direct y^e^ patentees accordingly."

As to the 200*l.* which the petitioner prayed might be applied to his credit by tale, and not by weight, the petitioner had timely notice that the clipt money, taken for postage of letters, due to the office before 4 May 1696, might be paid before 4 June, and the petitioner sent up 71*l.* to a friend, who did not pay it in till August. He had further notice to pay the old money taken by him previous to 18 November 1696, before 18 December, on which he sent up by the barges (as the safest conveyance) 129*l.*, which barges were detained by a frost, and that amount was not paid till 7 Jan., when that sum and the 71*l.* were paid in at a loss of 35*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*; recommending that of the 190*l.* taken before 18 November, 119*l.* might be taken by tale, but the petitioner ought to bear the loss on the 10*l.* received after that day, and on the 71*l.* which lay so long in the correspondent's hands.

Minuted to this clause :—"Agree to y^e^ report."

They add that the petitioner was in a low condition, and his salary but 35*l. per ann.* Dated 20 May 1697.

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit. 4¼ *pages.*

May 20. 47. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of Mr. Aickin, with certificate of the service performed by him in the discovery of several abuses in the Mint; recommending that he should have a sum of money given him to return, with his family, into Ireland, where their Excellencies intended he should be provided with a benefice. Dated 20 May '97.

Minuted :—"21 May '97. My Lords will speak with officers of mint on Tuesd^a^."

"June 9 1697. To be paid 40^li^ by Mr. Lowndes."

[The other papers not with it.]

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 188, under the last date, is :—"Joseph *A*skin to be paid 40^li^ by Mr. Lowndes." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 20. 48. Divers papers relating to the affairs of New England, in which Sir Henry Ashurst, bart. was concerned, more particularly as regards the remittance of 4,000*l.* to Col. Gibson, commander-in-chief of the forces designed to gain Newfoundland, and as to naval stores to be inspected and purchased in New England. The last date 20 May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 161, 18 May 1697, is :—"S^r^ Henry Ashurst. He desires to have Exchequ^r^ bills for the 4,000^li^, about w^ch^ he lately wrote to the Governm^t^ in New England, that they would furnish so much (if desired) to Coll. Gibson, for the service of the expedition to Newfoundland. My Lords offer to deposite ye bills in the E. of Ranelagh's hands; or if S^r^ Henry will give bond, to restore ye bills, in case Coll. Gibson does not make use of ye credit at New England, their Lo^ps^ will putt them into his

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hands. He refuses the latter. But if the bills be deposited for 4,000li in ye hands of ye E. of Ranelagh, with direction that upon advice that Coll. Gibson has received any part of ye credit in New Engld, bills to the value thereof shall imediatly, from time to time be d[elivere]d to Sr Hen. Ashurst, for the use of ye Governmt of New England. Sr Henry will to morr. write to the said Governmt, to acqt them herewth. And for the exchange, it is agreed that for every 112li paid in New England, there shalbe paid 100li here in Exchequr bills."

A warrant to issue these bills to the Earl of Ranelagh for this purpose. 6½ *pages.*

May 20 and 21. 49. Petetion of Charles Couchman, Thomas Beake, Ralphe Young, and Thomas Davis, four of the King's messengers in ordinary; praying to have a moiety of their bills provided for, they being ordered to Flanders. Received 20 May '97.

Minuted:—"My Lords will consider this when they dispose ye lottery ticqts."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 224, 20 July 1697, is:—"The messingers to have 1/6 of their bills out of lottery ticqts." And again, at p. 230, 28 July 1697:—"The messengers to have 1/4 on their bills."

A second petition of the said Charles Couchman, begging their Lordships to consider his case, he having expended his whole substance to serve the King in his two last campaigns in Flanders, and in expense of post horses in the time of the plot, &c. Received 21 May '97.

Minuted:—"Read 26th. Dor Richards (if ye petr goes to Flandrs) is to take ye same care of him, as of ye rest that go thither." 2 *pages.*

May 21. 50. Report of certain Officers of the Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John De Grave of London, merchant, as to certain paper bought from the Comrs of Prizes, of which the petitioner sought to make an entry on payment of the duty. Dated 21 May 1697.

Also the petition and two affidavits.

Minuted:—"3 June 1697. The pecon is dismist." 3½ *pages.*

May 22. 51. Certificate of Jasper Blithman, Esq., one of the King's Comrs for putting in execution the Act for granting an aid, as well by a land tax as by several subsidies, &c., viz., as to the assessment of Temple Newsome and Swillington, placed at too low a value by the assessors. Dated 22 May '97.

Also an attestation of the truth of the certificate. Signed Jno. Dodgson, mayor. 2½ *pages.*

May 22. 52*a*. "Artificers of ye Ordnance letter to the Earl of Romney," representing their necessities. Subscribed with 21 signatures. Dated 22 May 1697. 1 *page.*

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May 22. 52*b*. Indenture made between the King on one part and the Right Hon. Richard Earl of Bellomont in the Kingdom of Ireland, Edmund Harrison, merchant, Samuel Newton, gent., William Rowley, gent., George Watson, gent., and Thomas Renolls of St. Martins-in-the-Fields (Middlesex), gent., of the other part, reciting that the King had signified his pleasure for a grant to pass to the above persons of all ships, goods, treasure, &c., which should be seized from pirates, by Captain William Kidd, or other commander of the ship "Adventure," galley, or which should be forced ashore in the King's plantations in America, &c., to be held for their own benefit without account, a tenth part being reserved to the King; witnessing that they agreed to yield up a tenth part of the said treasure. Dated 22 May, 9 Will. III., 1697.

The indenture bears the signature of Earl Bellomont, &c., and has the following on the outside:—"Irr̃ in dors. Claus. Cancellar̃ infrascr. đni Regis vicesimo sexto die Maij anno infrascr̃ per Willm Full[er]," but on referring to the index of the Close Rolls for that period, it does not appear to be there. 1 *membrane (parchment)*.

May 24. 53. Letter signed "Cha. Hotham" to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting Lord Irwin, whose name had been made use of, to his prejudice, before their Lordships; acquainting their Lordships that Sir William Lowther, who was supposed to have laid the information before them, denied the same. Dated 24 May '97. 1 *page and two or three lines (quarto)*.

May 24. 54. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's pleasure was that a competent sum of money should be imprested to Mr. Baber to carry on a prosecution against one La Pierre and other alien enemies; also for 500*l*. *per ann.* to be paid in lieu of a *custodiam* of an estate in Ireland to Mr. Savage, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; and further announcing that the fourth 50,000*l*. was not remitted to Mr. Hill for the troops, &c. Dated Camp at Promelles, 3 June 1697, N.S.

Accompanied by an account of the costs in prosecuting La Pierre and La Birtonnier.

The letter minuted:—"23 [June]. That w^ch relates to M^r Savage to be respited till his Ma^ts return. All done except what concernd M^r Savage."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 272, 6 Oct. 1697, is:—"200^li to be p̃d M^r Baber for prosecuting for ye estate of Lapiere, Stone & al." 4 *pages, or parts of pages.*

[? About May 25.] 55. Letter signed "Hen. Cartwright," to the Right Hon. Jo^n Smith, Esq., stating that he was left behind his brethren "by a French mistake," and his expenses would be four times what theirs were; praying that he might receive his engineer's pay.

Also a certificate in his favour. Dated 25 May 1697. 2 *pages (quarto.)*

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[? About May 25.] 56. Petition of Thomas Bignell to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that in 1671 he paid 200*l.* for a yeoman pricker's place, and it cost 40*l.* to pass his patent; King James gave him a lodge near Newmarket in Cambridgeshire, with a salary of 50*l. per ann.* in consideration of his place, but the present King had granted the office of the privy harriers to Mr. Christopher Tankerd, and the petitioner's lodge to the Duke of Grafton; further, that 87*l.* 10*s.* was due for services rendered by him in 1690; praying for the place of housekeeper, surveyor, and chamber keeper to the Coach Office, then void, or for the payment of his arrears.

Accompanied by copy of a certificate of his service.

On the dorse:—"25 May '97. Read 26th. Rejected." *Parts of 2 pages.*

May 26. 57. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords [of the Treasury], stating that they had referred the petition of William Ballard of the city of Cork, merchant, to William Robinson, Esq., Deputy Receiver General of that kingdom; but they could not agree with him, and they advise that Mr. Ballard's demands should be satisfied; but some other way should be found to pay him, because it would bring so many claims for allowance of duties on goods imported. Dated 26 May 1697. 1 *page.*

[About May 26.] 58. Petition of the Governor and Company called the Royal Lustring Company to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the Lords of the Treasury had agreed to allow the petitioners 2,400*l. per ann.*, payable out of forfeitures of customed and prohibited goods; that the company had sent considerable goods into Piedmont, and a certain Paul Labesse, to negotiate with Lord Galway an intended treaty of trade with the Duke of Savoy; and the petitioners agreed to pay 300*l. per ann.* to Labesse and 66*l.* for his journey; that the company had sustained a great loss because the Duke of Savoy delayed all treaties that might offend his secret intended particular peace with France; that their agent and goods were forced out of Turin to their great damage, which was a great distress to the silk weavers in London: praying a warrant for 2,400*l.* for the first year expired 8 August last.

Minuted:—26 May '97. "A signe mll for 2,400li to the Govr & Compa for their charge & losse in endeavouring by his Mats direction to settle a trade in Piedmont." 1 *page.*

[About May 26.] 59. Memorial of the Cols. of several regiments who had advanced money for obtaining what was due to them to the 1st April 1692, to which time the rest of the army was cleared; complaining of the want of fairness in paying them by tallies on which they lost 25 or 30 *per cent.*, &c. Received 26 May '97.

Minuted:—"This case was read to ye K. & he was not pleased to give any order in it." 1 *page.*

May 27. 60. Report signed W. Robinson [to the Lords Justices of Ireland], on the petition of Rebecca Lassells, relating to the repayment of

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33,050*l.* lent at 10 *per cent.* to the King for the payment of the army on the security of the quit rents of that kingdom. Dated 27 May 1697.

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

May 27. 61. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, conveying His Majesty's directions that the bills drawn for 20,000*l.* by Mr. Hill, on Mr. Clifford in England, should be immediately satisfied, lest they should fall on Mr. Hill. The Compte de Frise had found credit in Germany for 5,000*l.* sterling, which he had used to bring the troops into the field, and had drawn bills on Lord Ranelagh which the King would have complied with. Besides which the King expected immediately a further remittance of 4,000*l.* to Lindan in Germany, wherein Mons. Boit by Lord Gallway offered his services. Dated Camp at Promelles, 6 June 1697, N.S. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[About May 27.] 62. Petition of Col. John Beaumont to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of his arrears at 12*s.* a day since 1 Jan. 1695; also there were other great arrears due to him. Received 27 May '97.

Minuted:—"To be consider'd when my L^ds^ provide for y^e^ pens^rs^ in my L^d^ Ranelagh's office."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 165, 11 May 1698, is:—"Coll° Beaumont's memorial for 12^sh^ a day from 1^st^ January 1695, amounting to 364. 16. There is nothing to pay him out of at present; but to be considered when the parl^t^ has provided for the army." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 29. 63. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mordecai Abbot, praying a grant of 300*l.* a year out of the forfeited lands there; enclosing a report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue, in which they value the lands at 314*l.* 10*s.* 9¾*d.* *per ann.* Dated 29 May 1697.

Accompanied by the report, which mentions that some of the lands asked for, were at Portlester, Gibbonstowne and Ballenderry, and were in *custodiam* to Brigadier Wolseley, and that the lands of Rathgar and the "Broads," were only forfeited during two lives. 3 *pages.*

May 29. 64. Letter signed "Matthew Reynolds," addressed to the Hon. Sir William Ashhurst, Knt., stating that he had been with the Attorney-General, who had perused the schedule of debts, and was satisfied it was true, and advised that Sir William should obtain an order, that in case the debt due to certain persons of the name of Dalton, should not prove sufficient to discharge Sir William's debt, that then the Chief Governors of Ireland should forthwith pay the same. Dated Dublin, 29 May 1697. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 65. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the King's instructions that Mons. Cailleau (a person residing at Rotterdam, who together with his friends had suffered grievously for the King's service and continued to be useful) should be paid the

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arrears of his pension of 200 *per ann.*, and that Lord Ranelagh should be enabled by their Lordships to pay him. Dated Camp near Genap, 9 June 1697, N.S.

Minuted:—"Read 8 June 1697. To speak with L^d^ Ranelagh about this. 9^th^. To be brought in again on Fryday. 11^th^. Nothing can be don at p̄sent."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 207, 18 July 1698, is:—"250*l.* to Mons^r^ Cailliau, to be paid on his contingent warrant." 1 *page.*

May 31. 66. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, signifying the King's pleasure that no lands of the Clincarty estate should be given away, or the estate lessened by any clause of reprisals, and that no arrears or growing rents be paid into the Exchequer, but remain in the hands of the collectors, till further orders, and that no waste be committed. Dated Camp near Genap, 10 June 1697, N.S.

Minuted:—"A letter to ye Lords Justices accordingly." 1½ *pages.*

May 31. 67. Letter signed Cha. Bertie, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting a list of deficient tallies remaining in his hands for the service of the Ordnance, desiring to know if their Lordships would allow the same discount to the poll tallies, as they had done to the salt. Dated 31 May 1697.

Also the said list and another list of tallies. 3 *pages.*

May 31. 68. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to represent to the Lords of the Treasury the very great necessity the seamen of the fleet were in for want of their pay; particularly those bound to the West Indies and other foreign voyages; most of their families being in a starving condition. Dated 31 May 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 1 June '97. My Lords will speak with M^r^ Corbet in the afternoon. Read 2^d^. Send to the Navy board for an acc^o^ w^t^ is due to the 5 ships."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 176, 2 June 1697, is:—"100,000^li^ in Exchequ^r^ bills not exceeding 5^li^ a piece to be issued to the navy for wages." ½ *page.*

May 27 and June. 69 and 70. A paper addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, entitled,—"A list of the Com^rs^ and other officers requisite to bee employ'd in the licensing of hawkers, pedlars, &c., humbly offer'd to yo^r^ Lord^ps^ consideracon by y^e^ Comissioners of Transportation," together with their salaries.

A duplicate of the same, with erasures. Delivered to the Lords of the Treasury 2 June 1697.

Also a letter dated 27 May 1697, of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the case of the poor people concerned in the "Transport debt for the reduction of Ireland," praying their Lordships to order payment out of the tea and coffee duties, and that the Com^rs^ for Transportation might collect the duties from licences to pedlers and hawkers. 3 *pages.*

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June 1. 71. Letter by command of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, asking him to put the Lords of the Treasury in mind to appoint money for the ships and vessels not of the line of battle, for short allowance of provisions. Dated 1 June 1697.

Minuted :—"Read 1st June '97. To be consd to-morr. morn. Read againe ye 3d." ½ *page.*

June 1. 72. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several merchants of Hull, touching a parcel of dressed and cut whalebone belonging to them, which the officers of customs in the ports of Hull and Yarmouth had seized; leaving it to their Lordships to admit them to entry or to be exported. Dated 1 June 1697.

Minuted :—"1 Jun. '97. The seizure to be discharged, paying the dutys & giving satisfaction to ye officers. Wt signed."

Also the petition, a certificate, and a letter. 4 *pages.*

June 1. 73. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the innholders in and about the liberties of the city of Westminster, praying payment of the money due to them for quartering the Earl of Oxford's regiment, &c. Dated 1 June 1697.

Minuted :—"Read 2 June 1697. My Lord Ranelagh to acqt the Officers, that my Lords will pay the sum due for ye 8d [per day] out of ye mault tickets after ye 24 of June (wch is the soonest) & in the mean time, the Exchequr bills for ye subsistence should be applyed to the petrs, so farr as they will goe."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 3. 74. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning warrants signed connected with the following persons and matters as appears by the docquet :—

Comrs for Trade establishment.
Mr. Balfour.
Mr. Harrington.
Mr. Justice Pyne.
For interest of Irish Transport debt.
Sir Tho. Southwell, Comr of Ireland.

It has this postscript :—"To the warrant for the Councill of Trade you will find an addition of the name of Mr. Stepney, now His Majtys envoy extray in Germany, which has been made by His Majties especiall order, to supply Mr. Methuen's place in the Commission." Dated Camp near Genap, $\frac{3}{13}$ June 1697. 1 *page.*

June 3. 75. Letter from Mr. Wm. Balthwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that Lord Lexington had laid before the King that he was in great arrear for entertainments of gentlemen of the bedchamber, [being] envoy extraordinary at Vienna, and having no assignment in the quality of plenipotentiary as others had; and for the want thereof, his merchant at Amsterdam absolutely refused him any

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more money; signifying His Majesty's instructions, that their Lordships should order relief. Dated Camp near Genap, $\frac{3}{13}$ June 1697.

Enclosing the letter his Lordship had received from his merchant. 3 *pages.*

June 3. 76. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had laid his letter before the King upon the petition of Mr. Jos. Stepney, for a grant of lands in Ireland. His Majesty well remembers it was rejected at the Treasury, and the petitioner's merit did not as yet plainly appear; but if their Lordships recommended him he would declare his further pleasure. Dated Camp near Genap, $\frac{3}{13}$ June 1697. 1 *page and two or three lines.*

[About June 3.] 77. Petition of Jo. Lansdowne, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a short day for hearing the case of Mr. Long, who had entered a *caveat* against the grant to the petitioner of a lease of a coal mine in Somersetshire, parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall. Rec^{d} 3 June '97.

"9 June '97. To be heard on Thursday fortnight afternoon." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

June 4. 78. Report of Mr Willm. Glanvill to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, widow, finding that she had a grant from King Charles II. of an annuity of 500*l.* out of the tenths of the dioceses of Chester and Rochester, and in case that fell short, out of the dioceses of Oxford, Worcester, Hereford, and St. David's; also that she had a grant of another annuity of 850*l.* for the lives of her three sons out of the said tenths; further that the Earl of Bath had an annuity of 5,000*l.*; a moiety to be taken out of the letter office, and the other moiety out of the tenths of all the dioceses in England and Wales. Dated 4 June 1697.

Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

June 5. 79. "An account of what money is paid into the several mints by the severall Receivers Gen^{ll} on the 3*s.* aid, subsidies, and other duties, &c. as also paid [o]ut by the said mints to the 5th June 1697 incl."

Also a paper *docquetted* :—"Mints acc^{t} on the 4th 4^{s} aid to 5 June '97 incl.," showing the sums paid into the various Mints at 5^{s} and 5^{s}/8. per ounce, what was paid into the Exchequer, and what remained with the Receivers. 2 *large pages.*

June 7. 80. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King was well pleased with the directions given or to be given by their Lordships; he had to put their Lordships in mind of Mons. Schuylembourg's debt, which he had represented to the King was very grievous, desiring the King's directions might be complied with. His Majesty thinks the case very hard, and orders that he be satisfied, to prevent his ruin. The King would have the 1,000*l.* bills drawn by the Comte Frise in addition to the 5,000*l.* honoured,

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besides the provision to be made by treaty with Mr. Boyt. With a postscript asking for the draft of a warrant, as the King had appointed Sir H. Hubbard a Com^r of Customs, in the room of Mr. Chadwick. Dated Camp near Genap, the $\frac{7}{17}$ June 1697. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 8. 81. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Gosfright and Peter Whitcombe of London, merchants, concerning certain currants shipped from Venice to Amsterdam in a ship which was driven by stress of weather into the port of Fowey, the navigation laws being thereby interfered with; praying to be allowed to enter the currants. Advising that they should be allowed to enter the same, as the importation was involuntary. Dated 8 June 1697.

Also the petition. *Minuted*:—"Agreed to." 3½ *pages*.

June 8. 82. "Memorial of M^r Storys relating to persons employed by him upon the leidgers for the London Brewery, &c." Dated 8 June 1697. 2 *pages*.

June 8. 83. Representation by the Com^rs of Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to order such a sum as might regain their credit and keep the service on foot, stating that they had disposed of the 10,000*l*. in Exchequer notes at Deal, Portsmouth, and Plymouth, but the people had turned the sick out of doors, &c. Dated 8 June 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 191, 11 June 1697, is:—"Comm^rs Sick and Wounded bring a state of the debt of their office, which is read; my Lords will direct 'em 5,000^li out of Exchequer bills, and to speke to M^r Dodington, concerning the tallies in his hands, that some of them may be applyed to their debt." 1 *page*.

[?About June 9.] 84. Memorial of William Clayton to the Lords of the Treasury, as several Exchequer bills appeared to be counterfeited, he asked their Lordships to give directions to the four tellers of the Exchequer to charge no bills without being first proved by him.

Undated, but in the *Minute Book* on 9 June 1697 it is stated a report was read from Mr. Clayton and Mr. Herne concerning forged bills. 1 *page*.

[About June 9.] 85. Petition of Robert Alcock to the Lords of the Treasury, for consideration for his services as a witness who had shown diligence in his daily informations; their Lordships had given orders to Mr. Baker to reward him according to the services he had done; but his reply was, that he had no money in hand appropriated to such uses.

Minuted:—"9^th June 1697. To speak with Mr. Baker."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 110, 15 Feb. 1697, is:—"Nich^o Baker is to pay 10^li a piece to Solomon Smith and Robt. Alcock for their services & to tell them at the same time, they are to have no more." 1 *page*.

[?About June 9.] 86. Petition of Sarah Davis, wife of Thomas Davis, messenger, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her husband was then

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attending the King in Flanders; praying them to commiserate her distressed condition, that the same provision might be made for her as was made for the other messengers.

Minuted:—"June 9th '97. Referrd to Dr Richards." 1 *page.*

June 10. 87. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the King's directions that their Lordships should give speedy satisfaction to the persons affected by the failure in the office of Mr. Palmes, one of the tellers of the Exchequer, who with Mr. Peters, his deputy, were deficient 25,000*l.* out of their securities and effects; and further that the teller should be suspended and prosecuted: also drawing attention to the inconvenience arising from the application to the civil list, of 5,000*l.* raised on the credit of the malt duty; further, the King had thought fit to reduce the Barbadoes regiment to one company, on account of its weakness, there being but 100 effective men of which it was to consist, according to the establishment transmitted, &c. Dated Camp near Genap, $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{0}$ June '97.

Minuted:—"Recd 16 June 1697. Read eod die. Directions are given accordingly."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 193, 15 June 1697, is:—"Mr Palmes comes in; he says he has paid 10,000li of the 27,000li charged on his office, and has 15,000li more in Cheqr bills and mony; and hopes to have the rest in a few daies. My Lords desire him to be present, when any mony is taken out, and to see the same paid as directed." 2 *pages.*

June 11. 88. Report of George Castle, the deputy of Edwd. Seymour, Esq., keeper or clerk of the Hanaper, made on the petition of John Barker and others, complaining of the non-payment of several tallies, struck upon the Hanaper Office; certifying that the revenue of that office was 4,800*l. per ann.*, and the salaries charged thereon amounted to 2,700*l. per ann.*, &c. In 1694 their Lordships ordered 1,300*l.* to be struck, which was more than there was in hand; since which he had been creditor upon his accounts. Giving an account of the receipts and payments. Dated 11 June 1697.

Minuted:—"A letter to Mr Seymour to certifie wt were ye antient allowances out of ye Hanaper Office."

Accompanied by the petition. 4 *pages.*

[? About June 11.] 89. Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, and other inhabitants of the borough of Leeds. The collectors of Excise had orders to carry all the hammered money to the Tower of London, to be coined, praying for various reasons that it might be coined at the adjacent Mint [of York]. With numerous signatures.

Minuted:—"To be read when ye Comssrs of Excise attend. June 11, 1697."

"Read 29 June '97." 1 *large page.*

June 14. 90. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Arch. Hucheson, Esq., agent to the regiment of foot in the Leeward Islands, commanded by Col. Holt, viz., as to the payment of subsistence of that regiment, and further as to the

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advance of 700*l.* made by Mr. Hutchinson to Col. Holt and several officers, for the use of the regiment. Dated 14 June 1697.

The said memorial or petition.

Minuted:—"15 June 1697. The Com^rs to pay 500^li to M^r Hutchinson out of the bills in their hands." 3 *pages.*

April 19–June 15. 91. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of William de la Rose, lately Receiver-General of Excise in the county of Hants, as set forth in the petition to the King annexed, charging him with fraud, &c. as the ground of his dismissal. Dated 19 April 1697.

The petition, an affidavit, a certificate, and a memorandum connected therewith.

Copy of the above report.

Minuted:—"Lords afterwards ordered to bee putt into employm^t & were satisfyd in the petitioner's integrity."

"Mem^dm. This minute was forged, & brought into the Treasury by M^r De la Rose at his hearing, October the 20^th 1702."

A reply to the above report by the said W. De la Rose, dated 1 May 1697, and a letter from him, dated 3 May, to the Lords of Treasury. Another report of the said Com^rs, dated 15 June, and three other papers. 30 *pages in a decaying state.*

June 15. 92. Letter of Mr. John Packer to the Lords of the Treasury. He knew he had fallen under their displeasure, but had discharged his duty with all imaginable industry; he deeply laid to heart to see others preferred before him, and their business pass with ease, and himself always put to the labour oar; others had had money to defray future charges before they expended any, but he had received none for past services, and could go on no further without immediate relief, &c. He had an order signed by their Lordships for 1,090*l.* 13*s.* 1¾*d.*, and they very well knew he had no money for the Exchequer bills; he begged that he might have his order satisfied by tallies on the malt, and what they pleased imprested out of the same, for the past and present expense of the Exchequer bills.

Minuted:—"M^r Packer, read 15^th June '97. To have 1,090. 13. 1¾."

See also the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 194, on that day, where the minute stands thus:—"Mr. Packer's letter is read; to have 1,090^li 13. 1¾. out of the Malt Act." 2 *pages.*

June 15. 93. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Alexander Rigby and Joseph Cagnoni, of London, merchants, as to the importation of currants.

Advising that the payment of the alien duty and the giving reasonable satisfaction to the officer might sufficiently discourage the practice. Dated 15 June 1697.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed to & a *noli prosequi* to ye information ag^t y^e vessell & goods." 2 *pages.*

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1697. June 15. 94. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the old impost bonds for tobacco and sugar remaining in arrear upon the account of Mr. Wicks, the late receiver of that duty. Dated 15 June 1697. 1 *page.*

[About June 15.] 95. Petition of John Jones, of Golynog, in the county of Montgomery, for payment of the services rendered by him in going into Wales to collect evidence on a suit touching their Majesties title to the estate of the Marquis of Powess in Montgomeryshire, by the order of the Lords of the Treasury, being engaged about five months, for which services their Lordships had ordered 75*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* to be paid, together with compensation, for his attendance in town; which allowance Mr. Aaron Smith refused to pay.

Accompanied by copy of the orders for the said service, and for the payment.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 15 June '97. To speak w^th M^r Aaron Smith." *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

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1697. [? About June 16.] 1. Proposal of William Hunt, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, to discover lands of the delinquents to the value of 300*l.* or 400*l.* *per ann.*, and a personal estate of very considerable value, upon the usual recompense of one-third for the discovery.

Minuted:—"16 June '97. Agreed soe as it be a reall discovery." ½ *page.*

[? About June 16.] 2. Petition of Knightly Chettwood, Archdeacon of York, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying the grant of a concealed rent of 300*l.* of lands of Lord Preston, to whom the petitioner had lent 1,000*l.* before his attainder.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Jun. '97. See minute in ye Book." The minute referred to is:—"D^or Chetwood being a creditor to the late Lord Preston, offers to discover arrears of rent owing to the K. out of the said Lord's estate, not comprehended in the auditor's account, if he may have them for his owne satisfaction. My Lords think this reasonable, and do consent thereunto, so as y^e grant may not exceed his debt." See *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 196. 1 *page.*

[About June 16.] 3. Petition of Martha Bastin, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of the arrears of her pension.

Rec^d 16 June '97.

Minuted:—"To be considered when ye rest of ye pensioners are paid." *Part of a page.*

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[About June 17.] 4. The case of Michael Cope and partners, assignees of the farmers of the lotteries, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. Some inferior magistrates, out of humour and prejudice, took the liberty to suppress their deputies and agents, and send them to gaol; and others had followed their example, hindering their agents, &c.: also the King had erected a million lottery, and another for 140,000*l.*, and other persons had set up lotteries, and in contempt of their grant said it was void, so that of late they had disbursed 3,000*l.* more than they received. Rec^{d} 17 June '97.

Minuted:—"Read ult. Junii 1697."

"Order'd that the farmers in the first place doe pay their arreares of rent, and afterwards, if they will bring proofs of these allegacions, my Lords will hear and consider them." 1 *page.*

June 17. 5. Letter from the Com^{rs} of the Navy Office to the Lord Orford, praying him to solicit the Lords of the Treasury to pay the 500*l.* to be impressed to John Bridger and Benjamin Furzer, who were going to New England to join Wm. Partridge, Esq., and Mr. Tho. Bletsoe, to render an account of the colony with relation to ship timber, &c. for the service of the navy. Dated 17 June '97. 1 *page.*

June 17. 6. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's pleasure was that 200*l.* be paid to Mr. Guy or his order for the use of a person on whom the King was pleased to bestow it; accompanied by two letters of Mr. Henry Guy, nominating Mr. Eddowes as the person to receive the 200*l.* Dated, Camp near Brussells, 27 June, N.S. 3 *small pages.*

[About June 17.] 7. Petition of Henry Hart, clerk to the Com^{rs} and Justices appointed for putting in execution the Act for a duty on marriages in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster; praying for an allowance of the money expended by him, and consideration for his pains and attendance. Rec^{d} 17 June '97.

Also his bill for the same, with certificate of the Com^{rs} added, approving thereof. 2 *pages.*

June 18. 8. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Pury Cust, formerly captain of a troop of horse, in the Lord Cavendishe's regiment, then commanded by the Duke of Schonberg; praying for an order for the payment of 146*l.* 8*s.*, due for accoutrements provided for his troop; advising that it was reasonable that it should be paid out of the off-reckonings of the regiment. Dated 18 June 1697.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 21. 9. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a letter from Mr. Cresset, the King's envoy extraordinary to the Courts of Lunenbourg and Denmark, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury for their directions; further stating that Mr. Stepney, who

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had arrived with the German troops, prayed their Lordships' consideration that he might discharge some of his most pressing debts. Dated, Camp near Brussels, 1 July 1697, N.S. 2 *pages.*

June 21. 10. Letter signed "Ja. Vernon" to the Lords of Treasury, respecting a state of the quit rents due from the Protestants which the Parliament of Ireland addressed to His Majesty to have discharged, on which their Excellencies [the Lords Justices of England] would be glad to have their Lordships' opinion. Dated 21 June '97.

Minuted:—"23 June '97. That my Lords cannot be ready to give their opinions for discharging so considerable a part of ye King's settled revenue. That in this case the quitt rents have been granted in mortgage for 33,050*l.* and interest, the greatest part unpaid, and the estate in law is not in the K., but ye mortgagees. Nevertheless, if there be a reason of state to part with these arrears of quitt rents for a recompence in Parl^{t}, my Lords shall not insist ag^{t} w^{t} is ꝓposed."

"A letter writ in answer." *See Letter Book,* Vol. IX., p. 294. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

June 21. 11. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the copy of a letter received from the Earl of Gallway, touching the commencement of his salary [as one of the Lords Justices of Ireland], for the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, upon whose report the King would declare his pleasure. Dated "Camp," 1 July 1697, N.S.

Accompanied by the letter, in French, in which he states that he, together with the Marquis of Winchester, wrote to render an account of the state of affairs in Ireland; he believed there was a good disposition with relation to the next Parliament, the affairs of the army and offices (places) were not quite as he could wish, he would work to remedy them after the assembly of the Parliament. He then goes on to speak of his salary.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 204, 25 June 1697, is:—"To see when the allowances to former Gov^{rs} of Irel^{d} cōmenced, & a report to be transmitted to ye K. concerning my L^{d} Galway's dem^{d}." 2 *pages.*

June 21. 12. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a cause then depending in the Court of Exchequer between the King as plaintiff, and Nicholas Oursell, George More, and Thomas Merrett, defendants, for the duties of the corn by them imported. Dated 21 June 1697.

Minuted:—"29th June 1697. Take off the stop of prosecution."

The petition and case of the defendants, two other petitions, and a paper showing the quantities of corn imported by them, and a representation by Wm. Middleton, who was perhaps in some way connected with the same business, though the connection is not apparent. Dated 27 Oct. 1697. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

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June 22. 13. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting short allowance money for the seamen. The sick seamen suffer for want of being provided for on shore by the Com^rs for sick and wounded; desiring their Lordships to inquire into it. Dated 22 June '97.

Minuted:—"My Lords have given mo. to both." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About June 22.] 14. Letter from Edward Nealson, Mayor of Berwick, to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging their Lordships' letter, which was a great comfort. The recorder had given a true representation of their necessities, which were very deplorable. The inhabitants were willing, beyond their means, to supply the garrison; setting forth their losses and calamities, and praying their Lordships to show a tenderness to the garrison in supplying them.

There are minutes on the back to the effect that the letter was read on the 22 and 23 June 1697, and a letter written to the Com^rs of Excise. 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 22. 15. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes for the information of the Lords of the Treasury. There was no hope of any sick men being received into quarters without a supply of money. Dated 22 June 1697. ½ *page*.

June 22. 16. Representation by the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen &c., to the Lords of the Treasury. They had paid one year's quarters at Deal, Dover, Sandwich, and Margate, and had sent to pay a year and a half at Portsmouth, Gosport, &c., but notwithstanding the agent at Dover had used all his interest he could not get one poor sick man lodged, till the people were moved with his begging to be carried aboard to die; the men were in danger of being starved at Deal, and it would be difficult to get those in tents removed into quarters, the landladies having sold or pawned their all; praying for a sum of money to prevent these complaints. Dated 22 June 1697.

Minuted:—"Read, 23 June '97. Read it again in ye afternoon."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 225, 21 July 1697, is:—"Sick and wounded Com^rs to have lottery tickets out of the proporcions for the wages, and vict. in proportion to 36,000^li for the year." 1 *page*.

June 22. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of an increase of pay to the land surveyors of the port of London, in consequence of increased duties. Dated 22 June 1697.

Enclosing a previous report on the same subject, dated 19 Feb. 1695–6, and two petitions of the said land surveyors.

Minuted:—"22 June 1697. My Lords will consider of this." 5 *pages*.

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June 22. 18. Similar report on the petition of Jonathan and Benjamin Furley, merchants of Colchester, touching cut whalebone imported by them; in favour of relief. Dated 22 June 1697.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

June 23. 19. Necessaries "de termino Paschæ an° R^s Gulielmi tertii ix° anno dom. 1697."
Also in Trinity term.
They are chiefly stationery stores for the use of the auditors, the attorney and solicitor general, the surveyor general, &c. Trinity term ended 23 June in 1697. 1¼ *large pages.*

[About June 23.] 20. Petition of Frances How, who was niece to Col. Maurice Kingwell, deceased, who carried forces to Tangier for King Charles II., and disbursed more than 5,000*l.* about the same, for which he had a pension of 200*l.* a year; praying for a year's pension, to satisfy those who attended him, he having been deprived of his sight and limbs. Rec^d 23 June '97.
Minuted:—"11 June '97 [*sic*]. Rejected." 1 *page.*

About June 23. 21. Petition of Urban Hall and partners to the King. He had quietly enjoyed the possession of Dyers Wharf, with the liberty of landing and shipping iron and steel, but had of late been hindered in the same. Praying that it might be made a free quay for 99 years for landing and shipping iron and steel.
Accompanied by a certificate, signed by 30 persons, as to the fitness of the wharf for the purpose desired, &c.
Minuted:—"Rec^d 23 June '97. M^r Chancell^r of y^e Excheq^r. 7^th July '97. Ref. to Com^rs Customes." 2 *pages.*

[About June 23.] 22. Petition of Dorothy Mawgridge, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that she had a pension of 12*d.* a day for 20 years, in consideration of the loss of a father and husband in the King's service; but it was then 2¼ years in arrear, and she was ready to perish. Praying their Lordships to pity a widow of 74 years of age. Rec^d 23 June '97.
Minuted:—"To be p^d by my L^d Ranelagh when there is any mony in his hands for this purpose, according to ye proportion p^d to other pens^rs." 1 *page.*

[? Before June 24.] 23. Petition of Algernon Earl of Essex to the King. His uncle, the late Lord Capel, was charged with poundage, &c. for the hospital, about 200*l.* Praying that the executors to Lord Capel might be discharged of these allowances of poundage.
There is a memorandum that the King was inclined to grant the request, but referred it to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated at the camp at Cockleberg, near Brussels, the $\frac{24 \text{ June}}{4 \text{ July}}$ 1697.
Minuted:—"Read 14 July '97. Report that it is my Lords opinion it is not reasonable to take it from y^e hospital to give it to y^e chief Gov^r, whose imploym^t was so very considerable." 1 *page.*

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June 24. 24. Letter, by direction of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing an extract from a letter of the principal officers of the Navy, as to the want of timber in the yards and the backwardness of the merchants to supply the same; and desiring to be furnished from the New Forest. To be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 24 June 1697.

Also the said extract. 2 *parts of pages.*

[About June 24.] 25. Petition of John Little, Esq., late High Sheriff of Essex, for repayment of 191*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* overpaid on his account.

Minuted: — "Rec^{d} 24th June '97. Read 30th [?]. Granted." ½ *page.*

June 25. 26. Letter from Wm. Popple to Mr. Lowndes, written by direction of the Lords of the Council of Trade, to desire him to move the Lords of the Treasury for the payment of the salaries, in accordance with the establishment for the Council of Trade. Dated 25 June 1697.

Letter of the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the draft of an establishment for the Council of Trade and Plantations, with their officers and attendants, which the King directed should be laid before him when next attended by their Lordships. Dated 11 Apr. 1697.

The draft referred to, and a duplicate containing in addition "The names of the clerks and other officers not expressed on the other side."

Copy of the letters patent appointing the Com^{rs} for Trade. 10 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

June 25. 27. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Sandford and John Bubb, of Bristol, merchants, as to the payment of certain debentures taken out on the shipment of tobacco. Dated 25 June 1697.

Also the petition and an account.

Minuted:—"Read 13 [July '97.] To be paid out of any arreares of the dutys by the former acts that may be applyed to the paym^{t} of these deb^{rs}, & in default thereof out of seizures." 5 *pages.*

June 25. 28*a*. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Luke Lillingston, praying repayment of 119 days' subsistence, advanced to his officers during their voyage to the West Indies in 1695, which he alleged he borrowed and paid interest for. Dated 25 June 1697.

Minuted:—"To be paid in lott^{y} ticq^{ts}." 2 *pages.*

June 25. 28*b*. Report, signed "B. Bridges, aud^{r}," to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the executors of Mr. Robert Squibb, deceased, as to the moneys received by Mr. Squibb for redemption of English captives; showing how the account then stood, including 100*l.* collected and paid to him by Dr. Cawley, archdeacon of Lincoln. Further showing what Mr. Bowtell's claims were for the redemption of English captives. He was obliged to redeem

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some for whom he had no orders, as the "patrons" of such as were to be redeemed, many times refused to part with two unless a third was added. Dated 25 June 1697.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Copies of the order in Council referring it to the Lords of the Treasury, and the above petition. 5 *pages.*

June 26. 29. Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue for Ireland to the Lords Justices of Ireland, concerning the lands, mortgages, and leases, as yet undisposed of, to the value of 400*l. per ann.*, petitioned for by Doctor John Leslie, and mentioned in a schedule transmitted to them by the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 26 June 1697.

Also "A schedule of lands, &c. desired by Doctor Lesley" out of a large number of forfeited estates therein set out. 10 *pages.*

June 28. 30. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Swynburn, merchant, of Newcastle, touching a parcel of cut whalebone belonging to him, seized by the officers of Newcastle; praying to be allowed to make an entry of the same; advising that relief should be granted to him. Dated 28 June 1697.

Also the petition and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 29 Jan. '97. Granted." 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 28. 31. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the petition of three children of Sir Charles Porter, who desired certain forfeited lands to the value of 400*l.* a year; some of which the Earl of Meath and others had already begged for. Dated 28 June 1697.

Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue thereon. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 28. 32. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The army was under the greatest necessities for want of their subsistence. Encloses a proposition for supplying Mr. Hill with 20,000*l.* immediately; which the King would have their Lordships comply with, if possible. Also encloses an extract from a letter from Lord Gallway, concerning Lady Stapleton, whom the King was inclined to gratify, and to grant the like value elsewhere for the satisfaction of her debt from Sir Patrick Trant. Dated Camp near Brussels, 8 July 1697, [N.S.]

Accompanied by the "Proposition" and "Extract," the latter in French.

Minuted:—"Read 6 July '97, O.S."

The following, in relation to Lady Stapleton's case, is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 212, 7 July 1697:—

"Mr. Montagu of counsel for E. Galwey & M^r^ Upton of counsel for Lady Stapleton. The latter produces a decree for 8,443. 17. 4., dated 4 Feb. 1^o^ W. & M. M^r^ Upton saies when this decree was obteyned Ireland was in other hands; else they could have reacht

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his estate; and insists upon a promise of my Lord Galwey that he would not enjoy the estate, unless she were satisfied. Miles Stapleton offers to make affᵗ to that purpose. They had the decree three years before Trant's utlary, and could have had a sequestracon, if yᵉ troubles had not been in Ireld.

"Mʳ Montagu saies the decree could not have affected Trant's estate, for he was in rebellion; & the outlawry would have related to the time of yᵉ treason comitted, & does not admitt that if there had been no attainder, a decree in Chancery here could have reached lands in Ireland.

"Upton saies it binds personalty and not ye lands; but as a *debitum justitiæ*, the decree in England shall reach ye profits in Ireland, as much as an estate in England per a sequestrᵒⁿ.

"Mʳ Montagu saies a decree here does not bind in Ireland as it does in England, but it is a matter to begin upon.

"Upton saies the King certifies ye decree into Ireland, and then it has ye same effect as if 'twere a decree there, without any new hearing; & upon this offers to putt ye issue.

"Mʳ Baker is to informe my Lords of the time to wᶜʰ the utlary of Sʳ Patrick Trant for treason hath relacon.

"She saies she had rather have it out of any estate other then Trant's.

"Mʳ Montagu saies, they are desirous it should be satisfied some other way, & does not object to yᵉ justice of her debt.

"It is my Lords opinion, that my Lady Stapleton's debt is just. That in equity & justice it ought to be charged on Sʳ Patric Trant's estate; & they cannot advise the granting of that estate to any other till she be satisfied." 3 *pages.*

June 29. 33. Letter, signed Wm. Popple, addressed to Wm. Lowndes, Esq. The Commissioners of Trade had commanded him to transmit an order of Council, relating to the exemption of their letters from postage; and further, desiring the favour of the Lords of the Treasury for the payment of the salaries and allowances of their commission. Dated 29 June 1697.

Minuted:—"Ult. Jun. '97. The revenue of yᵉ Post Office is appropriated. Their sallarys & allowances to be pᵈ out of lottery tickets."

Also the order in Council, and a copy of a report of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices thereon. 3 *pages.*

June 29. 34. Report of [Sir] Thomas Trevor [Attorney-General], made on the memorial of the Comʳˢ of Prizes, and on the report of the Comʳˢ of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial concerning the lading of the ship St. Peter, of Ostend; being a prize retaken from the French by His Majesty's ship Anglesey; viz., as to the duties to be levied on the cargo. Advising that on Flanders lace and hair buttons no customs were payable. Dated 29 June 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 13 July 1697. My Lords cannot make any order, because these whole dutys are appropriated."

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Accompanied by the report mentioned, together with the memorial of the Com^rs for Prizes. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 29. 35. Representation by the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, reiterating the same complaints as those represented on 22 June. Dated 29 June 1697. 1 *page.*

June 29. 36. Report of the Agents for Taxes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nicholas Baker, receiver-general of the third 4*s.* in the pound aid, for the county and city of Worcester, as to the extraordinary charges craved by him, amounting to 144*l.* 15*s.*, advising that he should be allowed 100*l.* Dated 29 June '97.

The petition and the account of the charges. 3 *pages.*

[About June 30.] 37. Petition of William Conery to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of the 20*l.* bounty, for which Gilbert Wharton, clerk, had obtained the Bishop of London's letter to their Lordships, he having gone as chaplain to Barbadoes, and the petitioner having lent him the money for his equipment.

"Rec^d ult. June '97." 1 *page.*

[About June 30.] 38. Petition of Elizabeth Love, widow, showing that her son, Edward Love, died a lieutenant in Flanders, in a regiment of dragoons, praying for arrears of pay to him amounting to about 100*l.*

"Rec^d ult. Junii '97. Ref. to my L^d Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

June 30. 39. Letter signed Fr. Nicholson, without address, commencing "Honoured Sir," hoping the fleet had arrived safely in England, and paid a good round sum into the Treasury, and that the "bright Aronoco" would sell at a great rate in Holland. He hoped Mr. President Blayer, who went with the last fleet, had presented his (Mr. Nicholson's) letter, containing a full account of all their affairs. He had sent by this opportunity an account of that province, and would be glad of their Lordships' commands by the next fleet. Dated "Maryland, Port Annapolis, 30 June 1697." 1 *page.*

July 1. 40. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King, to supply the pressing necessities of the army, had ordered Mr. Hill to draw on the Earl of Ranelagh for 30,000*l.* sterl., payable to Mr. James Bateman, and the like bills in favour of Mr. Robert Raworth. The King's pleasure was that the Lords of the Treasury should enable the Earl to give them the satisfaction they desired. Dated Camp near Brussels, the $\frac{1}{11}$ July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 6 July '97. O.S." 2 *pages.*

July 5. 41. Letter from the same to the same, sending a letter which had been received from the President de la Tour, in order that the Lords of the Treasury might put a speedy issue to the matter in difference. Dated Camp near Brussels, the $\frac{5}{15}$ July 1697.

The letter relates to tallies in the hands of Mons. le Chevalier Herne for 25,000*l.* sterling.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 15^th July, O.S. Read w^th y^e inclosed eod^ die." 3 *pages.*

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July 5. 42. Another letter from the same to the same. The King desired him to return for answer that the Earl of Gallway's case seemed to differ from others, in that he was appointed one of the Lords Justices of Ireland, in conjunction with the late Lords Justices, and would have sooner taken possession of that trust, if a second commission had not passed, for which he ought not to be a sufferer; and, as in the case of the Earl of Romney, his appointments ought to have taken place from some day certain, before receiving the sword, if not, from the time of kissing the King's hand: referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury.

Also returning six warrants signed by the King. The docquet shows them to have related to—

1. Royal Lustring Company, 2,400*l.*
2. Agents for taxes.
3. Rich. Aplin 40*l.*, in Ireland.
4. Borough of Macclesfield 50*l. per ann.*
5. For felling 1,000 trees in New Forest.
6. For discharge of Col. G. Hamilton's rent.

With a postscript, ordering the payment of 37,500 rix dollars to Mr. Stratford for the Duke of Holstein, and that some speedy provision should be made for the buckhounds. Dated "Camp," the $\frac{5}{15}$ July 1697.

"Rec^{d} 15 July, O.S."

Minuted:—"Read eod^{o} die." 2½ *pages.*

July 6. 43. Report of Mr. Isaac Newton and other officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Roettiers, engraver of the Mint, stating that the dies and puncheons in his custody were seized, by direction of a committee of the House of Commons, backed by a vote of the House, and he was removed from his employment, and other particulars about him: submitting to their Lordships whether he should be any more employed as engraver, &c., and whether his father should still be allowed a habitation in the Mint. Dated 6 July '97.

Minuted:—"Read 6 July '97."

Also the petition referred to.

July 6. 44. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several persons who had prayed to compound their impost debts, according to the provision of a late Act of Parliament, more especially as to the debt of John Lavie; advising relief. Dated 6 July 1697.

Another report on the same subject. Dated 8 May 1696.

Also two petitions of the said John Lavie and one of Mary Lavie, and two other documents.

Minuted:—"Read 13 July '97. Agreed. W^{t} signed 7 7ber 1697. 6¼ *pages.*

July 6. 45. Petition of Richard Barker to the Lords of the Treasury, that his case might be considered, he having been discharged from

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Minuted:—"Read 20 July '97. The Com^rs say he was fully heard & found very negligent or unfaithfull: my Lords dismiss the petition."

Also his case more fully set out. 2 *pages.*

July 6. 46*a*. Petition of Stephen Mason and William Parrett, merchants of London, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that two of their ships laden with plantation goods, as in the memorial annexed, had been taken by the French, retaken by Guernsey privateers, and carried to that island: praying that the Com^rs for Prizes might have orders to have them brought home. Dated on the back July 6, '97.

Minuted:—"An order to y^e Com^rs of Prizes to cause these ships to [be] bro^t to port of Lond^n." ½ *page.*

July 6. 46*b*. Articles of agreement made between the Rt. Hon. Charles Montague, Esq., Chancellor and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, Sir Stephen Fox, Kt., John Smith, Esq., Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., and Thomas Pelham, Lords of the Treasury, on the King's behalf, and Richard Long, of London, mariner, who had represented to the King that he had great reason to believe he could discover some mines of gold and silver or other treasure in America not possessed by Christians, at whose request the King ordered a sixth rate frigate to be fitted, &c., to sail for America under Long's direction, to search for the same. Richard Long covenanted to undertake a voyage to search, and that for the expense of fitting out the ship, &c., the King should have all the benefit until 10,000*l.* were paid, and during seven years the King was to receive nine parts of the whole discovery, the remaining 10th part to be reserved to Richard Long, and after seven years the King to have the whole. The gold, silver, &c. to be brought to the port of London, together with the ship, in two years. Rich. Long further agreed with the trustees for the Duke of Schomberg and Leinster (who had a grant to fish for certain wrecks in America) to fish for such wrecks upon consideration of 100 shares, the whole being divided into 1,600 shares, which were to be assigned by the trustees to the Lords of the Treasury for the King's use (being above the 10th part reserved by this grant), and after he had made the search for the mines he was to be allowed to search for and take up such wrecks. Dated 6 July 1697.

The following entry in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 199, 22 June 1697, relates to the above expedition:—

"M^r Long comes in w^th S^r James Houblon & al. M^r Long having agreed w^th the D. of Shrewsbury on y^e K. behalfe, That a voiage be made to America to discov^r and gain gold & silver. That the King be at y^e whole charge of a ship. That the K. have y^e 1^st 10,000^l for y^e charge of planting: that afterwards, y^e K. to have $\frac{9}{10}$^ths & M^r Long to have $\frac{1}{10}$^th for 7 years, and afterwards y^e K. to have y^e whole. A warr^t for 100^l for Rich^d Long." 1 *membrane (parchment).*

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[About July 6.] 47. Petition of John Lansdowne, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the appointment of a day for hearing him and George Long, Esq., who had entered a *caveat* against the passing a lease of coal mines in Somersetshire to the petitioner.
"Rec^{d} 6th July '97." ½ *page.*

July 7. 48. Petition of Jane Adams, widow and relict of Capt. Robert Adams, for relief, she being very distressed, having lost her husband in the King's service in the late war of Ireland.
Docquetted:—"7th July '97." 1 *page.*

July 7. 49. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. It had been represented to them by the Com^{rs} of Revenue and forfeitures, that the governments there had published several proclamations, promising a fourth part of the lands discovered; and it was a matter of complaint that that promise had not been fulfilled: asking that power might be given them to reward the discoverers past and future, by granting them a fourth part in an Exchequer lease, where it was too small to pass letters patent. Dated 7 July 1697.
Minuted:—"21 July '97. To be laid before the King. Agreed."
Accompanied by the representation of the Com^{rs} and the copy of a clause in their commission for the forfeitures relating to the reward of the discoverers. 4¼ *pages.*

July 7. 50. Letter of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that bare promises will no longer give their artificers any satisfaction, that they were in want of stores, but could not supply them except at most extravagant rates: desiring the "speedy appointment" of the remainder due on this year's appropriations, an account of which is enclosed. Dated 7 July 1697.
The account. 2 *pages.*

[About July 7.] 51. A paper headed:—"A memoriall presented to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the manor of Richmond, in Surrey." It is not stated from whom it came. It contains various particulars as to repairs, encroachments, &c. "Rec^{d} 7 July."
Minuted:—"Read 22 7^{br} '97. M^{r} Hillyard is to prosecute the discovery of ye rents, the tile-kilnes, & the inclosures at the King's charge, to be defrayed out of the rents of y^{e} mannor." 1 *page.*

[? About July 7.] 52. Petition of Mary Cock to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her father Robert Lennis, Doctor of Laws, was executed by the government of Oliver Cromwell for his adherence to King Charles II., who on that account granted her a pension of 40*l. per ann.*, which was then in arrears 2½ years; praying for payment of the same, and for its continuance.
Docquetted:—"7th July '97." 1 *page.*

July 8. 53. Report of Mr. Charles Dering, Auditor-General, to the Lords Justices General and General Governors of Ireland, on the petition of Sir John Jeffreyson, Knt., Thomas Coote, and Nehemiah Don-

nelan, Esqrs., as to what was due to the petitioners of their salaries or allowances according to the establishment as Commissioners for custody of the Great Seal. Dated 8 July 1697.

Also the petition referred to. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 8. 54. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King had noticed that there was paid to the privy purse 10,000*l.* less than was ordered out of the second 100,000*l.* upon the malt, and commanded that the Lords of the Treasury should make it up. Dated "Camp," the $\frac{8}{18}$ July 1697.

Rec^{d} 15 July, O. S. *Minuted:* "Read eod^{o} die."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 222, 16 July 1697, is:—"My Lords have ordered the 10,000^{li} to the Pr. purse." 1 *page.*

July 8. 55. Representation by the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing extracts from letters from Com^{r} Addison, asking to be enabled to provide for men set on shore at Torbay; also stating that at "Rochester and adjacents" they were daily clamoured on, the more because they heard others were paid. Dated 8 July 1697. 1 *page.*

July 8. 56. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning two warrants signed for the allowance to the Chief Justice of Chester, and for a grant to Mr. Railton of debt in Ireland; and further signifying the King's pleasure that Mons. Schuylembourg should receive tallies for the payment of his bills of exchange, at the rate of 9 guilders to a pound sterling, about which their Lordships had made difficulties. Dated "Camp," $\frac{8}{18}$ July 1697.

Rec^{d} 15 July, O. S.

Minuted:—"Read eod. die." $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

July 9. 57. Letter of Mr. Lowndes, apparently to the Com^{rs} of Excise, requesting on the part of the Lords of the Treasury, a statement as to the discharge of the duties of the several officers under their employ, and their observations as to how the offices could best be carried on for the future. Dated 9 July 1697.

The Com^{rs} of Excise made their report on the 29th of July. See *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 235, where there is a good deal about the administration of that office. $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

July 9. 58. Letter from Wm. Popple to Mr. Lowndes, stating that he had laid his letter before the Com^{rs} for Trade, enclosing the petition of Mr. Chidley Brook, collector and receiver of New York, for allowance for his services and his voyages. The Com^{rs} had not been able to find a precedent, but considered his trouble during the war had been greater in receiving the taxes than that of his predecessors, and recommended him to the Government of that province for suitable allowance. Dated 9 July 1697.

Accompanied by the petition, in which he states that he was taken prisoner by the French, and kept three months; also an

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abstract from the Custom-house books, comparing the petitioner's charges with those of one Mr. Brenton.

Minuted:—"20 July '97. He must apply to the Government of New York. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

July 12. 59. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, signifying the King's pleasure to the Lords of the Treasury, that they should cause to be delivered to their correspondent, Mr. Medina, the value of 1,000 florins in Exchequer bills for the deliveries of bread, as Mr. Hill was not in a capacity by the great arrears due to the army, to pay Messrs. Pereira and Machado, the undertakers for the bread. Dated "Camp at Cockleberg, $\frac{12}{22}$ July 1697."

Minuted:—"Read 20 July '97." 1 *page* (*quarto.*)

July 12. 60. Letter from the same to the same, sending his Majesty's especial recommendation to the Lords of the Treasury, to take immediate care for the payment of the bills drawn by the Comte de Frise and Mr. Van der Meer, for the subsistence of the King's forces upon the Rhine, by Exchequer bills or otherwise; also conveying His Majesty's order to their Lordships to make some further provision for the subsistence of those troops, according to the establishment and paper of distributions transmitted to the Earl of Ranelagh.

With a postscript, acknowledging the receipt of the letter, giving an account of the remittance of 130,000*l.* to Mr. Hill. Dated "Camp," $\frac{12}{22}$ July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 20 July '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 251, 1 Sept. 1696, is:—

"Ditto [*i.e.* Ea. Ranelagh] } 5,000^{li} in d^{o} [*i.e.* Exchequer bills] to
for Count de Frize bills. } answer the bills of Count de Frize & Mons^{r} Vandermaar for paym^{t} of his Ma^{ts} forces on ye Rhine." $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages* (*qnarto*).

July 12. 61. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the application of Wm. Conelly, Esq., on behalf of the Earl of Albemarle, who was deficient of the yearly sum of 2,000*l.* directed to be passed to him out of the forfeitures in Ireland, sending the report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue and Forfeitures, with lists or schedules of the lands already passed to, and then desired by the said Lord Albemarle, to the value of upwards of 2,600*l.* *per ann.* Dated 12 July 1697.

The report and list of lands already passed in patent to his Lordship.

[The other list is not with it.] 10 *pages.*

July 13. 62. Letter of the same to the same, on the petition of the Com^{rs} for the custody of the Great Seal and execution of the office of Chancellor, for allowance of their wages. Dated 13 July 1697.

[The petition and report thereon are not now with the letter.] 3 *pages.*

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July 13. 63. Representation by the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, to the same effect as that of 8 July preceding, enclosing the letter of Com^r Addison. Dated 13 July 1697. 3 *pages.*

July 13. 64. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending Brigadier Wolsley as well deserving His Majesty's favour of a grant of lands out of the forfeited estates in Ireland. Dated 13 July 1697.

Accompanied by his petition, "A list of forfeited estates past in *custodiam* to Brigad^r W^m Wolseley," and a letter from him, not addressed. 6 *pages.*

July 13. 65. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking that the Com^rs of Prizes might be directed to make it part of the condition of the sale of prize goods in Jersey and Guernsey, to bring the same to this kingdom, and here pay the custom. Dated 13 July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 13 D^o; an order to be prepared for this." 1½ *pages.*

[? About July 14.] 66. Letter of [Dr.] Jn. Gostling to the Lords of the Treasury. The King had granted him the arrears of his allowance of 50 guineas *per ann.*, which came to 440*l.*, and had confirmed the same for the future; begs their Lordships to give the necessary orders.

Minuted:—"The King ordered this.

"To be p̃d 100^£ p W. L., when there is mo., and 100^£ at the end of every year, till ye arrears are p[ai]d; and after that y^e 50^li a year to be continued.

"14 July '97. The first 100^l to be p[ai]d out of lottery ticq^ts." *Part of a page.*

July 14. 67. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Butcher, gent., to the King, praying for the reversion of certain quit rents for a term of years, to the value of 883*l.* 9*s. per ann.*; sending the state thereof, as certified by the Com^rs for Revenue of that kingdom; adding that they could by no means advise the lessening of the King's interest in the quit and Crown rents, being the most certain and advantageous revenue belonging to the Crown in Ireland, &c. Dated 14 July 1697.

Accompanied by the report referred to of the said Com^rs. 2 *pages.*

July 15. 68. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Howells, Esq., Receiver-General of the first and second 4*s.* aid for the counties of Carmarthen, Glamorgan, Pembroke, and Haverford West, the second quarterly poll, and review of the first quarterly poll, and of the third 4*s.* aid for the said counties and the county of Cardigan, and on the particular of extraordinary charges by him craved, amounting to 995*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*;

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recommending the allowance to him of 320*l.* for the same. Dated 15 July '97.

The petition and schedules of his expenses. 6 *pages.*

July 15. 69. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King had agreed with some "undertakers" to provide immediately a magazine at Gand and elsewhere, consisting of 2,000,000 of rations, on condition they were paid in advance 30,000*l.* sterling, and a deposit in some third hand of tickets or tallies upon the malt for 30,000*l.* more: the King's express pleasure was that the Lords of the Treasury should make an immediate remittance of the first sum and deposit the tickets or tallies for the satisfaction of the contractors.

With this postscript—

The reason of this great advance and security, so much beyond what has been demanded for former years, is occasioned by the loss of our credit, which makes it absolutely necessary that the foregoing conditions be complied with. Dated, Camp at Cockleberg, $\frac{15}{25}$ July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 27 July '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 229, 27 July 1697, is:—

"The bills for 30,000*l.* drawne p M^r^ Hill upon ye E. of Ranelagh for subsist. in Flanders, & payable to M^r^ Bateman, Sir H. Furnese, & S^r^ Theo. Jansen, to be p̃d in Exchequ^r^ bills: viz^t^. 20,000^li^ by the middle of Aug. & 10,000^li^ p ye middle of 7br." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 15. 70. Letter from the same to the same, drawing the attention of the Lords of the Treasury to the fact that the Earl of Gallway had represented to the King that several warrants were lying unsigned by them, relating to pensions in Ireland, and enclosing another for an additional pension of 5*s.* a day to Mr. Chabrolle further informing their Lordships that the King allowed out of Lord Ranelagh's office 200*l.* *per ann.*, to one Cailland, of which pension there was nearly a year due, and the King's pleasure was that their Lordships should satisfy the same. Dated "Camp," $\frac{15}{25}$ July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 27 July '97. Speak with E. Ranelagh about Cailland."

There is the following minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 207, 18 July 1698:—"250^li^ to Mon^r^ Caillan to be paid on his contingent warrant." 1 *page.*

July 17. 71. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Kent, commander of the "Slaughter" galley, praying to be excused from payment of the one *per cent.*, as other galleys were, having but one deck, &c.; leaving it to their Lordships to decide as the vessel was within the meaning of the Act though not according to its letter.

The petition and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 27 July '97. The one p *cent.* to be discharged." 1 *page and* 4 *parts of pages.*

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July 19. 72. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the King's commands to the Lords of the Treasury that a warrant should be prepared for His Majesty's signature, as he had bestowed a collar of SS. upon the city of Dublin, with His Majesty's effigies thereon, of the value of about 700 guineas, the cost of which was to be borne by the Treasury of Ireland.

Also sending a petition of the Com^rs^ for Transportation of the Forces, praying that the taxes on their salaries might be placed among the contingencies of their office by reason of their near relation to the army; referring the same to their Lordships. Dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$ July 1697.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 29 July '97. W^t^ for y^e^ coll^r^ of SS. done. The King's pleasure to be rec^d^ concerning y^e^ Com^rs^ of Transport's taxes. Read 20 Ap. '98. Respited." 2 *pages.*

July 19. 73. Letter from Mr. Geo. Fletcher to William Lowndes, Esq. He had received his letter as to the arrears of rent due upon the late Lord Preston's estate, and was in hopes their Lordships would not have removed the King's hands till the arrears had been secured. He had told their Lordships that what was in arrear was in the tenants' hands, &c. He feared they could not then call on the tenants. Dated 19 July 1697. 1 *page.*

July 20. 74. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Charles Brawne, who was one of the securities of Mr. John Allen, a collector of Excise in Bristol, and was in arrear 820*l.* 13*s.* 2½*d.* and dismissed from his office. Dated 20 July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 20^th^ July 1697. Respited till next terme."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 254, 6 Oct. 1698, is:—

"To M^r^ Brawne that my Lords of the Treasury have read the reports concerning his being security for M^r^ Allen, and desire him to send word when he wilbe in towne, that my Lords may appoint a day of hearing, and determine that affaire. M^r^ Townsend will take care that proceedings be stayed in ye mean time." 2 *pages.*

July 20. 75. Representation by the Com^rs^ of Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, praying a suitable supply. Dated 20 July 1697.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 225, 25 July 1697, is:—"Sick & Wounded Com^rs^ to have lottery tickets out of the proportions for the wages and vict in proportion to 36,000^li^ for the year." 1 *page.*

July 21. 76. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Major-General Leveson, praying to be paid as a general officer on the same footing as those in Flanders, he being absent from sickness; informing their Lordships that his pay would amount to 732*l.* 10*s.* for the year 1696, if they ordered it to be paid.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"To be paid in lottery ticq^ts^." Letter signed 4 Aug. 1697. 2 *pages.*

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[About July 21.] 77. Representation of Richard Povey, receiver for the sick and wounded seamen, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the 5,000*l.* in Exchequer bills which was ordered had not yet been paid, which was prejudicial to the service, &c.

Minuted :—"Read 21 July '97. The Com^rs of Navy (present) will pay in such species as they receive, and M^r Corbet will obteyne their Exchequ^r bills as fast as they can be dispatcht." 1 *page.*

About July 21. 78. Petition of Thomas Bignell to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the payment of 87*l.* 10*s.* due to him for arrears for services as keeper of the King's lodge near Newmarket; almost in the same words as one ? about 25 May 1697. See Vol. XLV., 56.

Also copy of a certificate of his services.

Indorsed :—"Rec^d 21 July '97." *Minuted :*—"My Lords cannot pay this." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*"

July 22. 79. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Boyle, gent., touching a parcel of money seized by an officer of the Customs in the port of Swanzey, praying for a "*non pros*" on the information; advising that if the petitioner would come to a composition, and their Lordships approved, then the composition should go to reimburse the King's charge. Dated 22 July 1697.

Minuted :—"Agreed." W^t signed 6 Aug. 1697.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 22. 80. Letter by direction of the Lords Justices to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the messengers of the King's chamber; recommending that a payment should be made to them suitable to their extreme necessities. Dated 22 July '97.

Also an Order in Council for a fifth part of the bills of the messengers to be paid. Dated 21 Jan. 1696. 2 *pages.*

July 22. 81. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Frances McKenzie, widow of Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, as to the arrears amounting to 1,031*l.* 5*s.* due to her husband. Dated 22 July 1697.

Minuted :—"200^li in lottery ticq^ts. L^re signed 5^th Aug^t 1697."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 22. 82. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, in pursuance of a reference of 25 Sept. 1694 ("but never brought till within a few days since") upon a petition of Mr. Briane, surveyor of the King's stables at Kensington, finding that the repairs necessary there would come to 35*l.*, and there had been expended 65*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* Dated 22 July 1697.

Minuted :—"Read 8 7br '97. To be considered as soon as M^r Brienne comes over. In the mean time my Lords recomend it to his deputy to see the necessary repairs done before his Ma^tys coming to Kensington."

Accompanied by the petition and a copy of a warrant appointing Mr. Briane, there called "Brienne." 2½ *pages.*

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July 22. 83. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. His Majesty would not alter the directions lately given in relation to Mr. Palmes, the teller. The pensions to be paid according to the list enclosed, out of the lottery tickets.

Accompanied by the following list of pensions to be paid, viz.,—

To the Duke of Southampton - -	1,000li
Duke of Northumberland - -	1,000
Duke and Duchess of Grafton -	1,000
Duchess of Bucclugh - - -	1,250
Duchess of Buckingham - -	740
Lady Katherine Darnley - -	1,600
	6,590

Dated "Camp," 1 Aug. '97, N.S. 2 *pages.*

July 23. 84. Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting Mr. Meester's 7,000*l.* that is agreed to be paid to him. Dated 23 July 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About July 23.] 85. Proposal of John Bellamy to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the payment to him of 375*l.* 5*s.* and 752*l.* 10*s.*

Also a certificate as to the correctness of the sums making up the first sum of 375*l.* 5*s.* Dated 23 July 1697.

Minuted:—"22 Sepr 1697. Mr Lowndes to enquire into this proposal & give my Lords an accot of the reasonableness thereof." "29 Sepr '97. The King does not allow lodging mo out of court, nor riding charges to Kensington." 2 *pages.*

[About July 23.] 86. Memorial of Col. Edward Dutton Colt to the Lords of the Treasury, representing the very pressing wants of his regiment then quartered at the Isle of Wight; praying them to direct 100*l.* to each of the two companies of that regiment. Received 23 July '97.

Also four letters relating to the condition of the regiment. 5 *pages.*

July 26. 87. Letter signed W. Beeston to the Lords of the Treasury. He had transmitted [from Jamaica] by H.M. ship "Swan," an account of money received and paid for the subsistence of Col. Lillingston's regiment of foot in that island to 21 April 1696; and now by the "Southampton" he sent the account for that regiment, reduced, extending from 21 April to 26 July 1697. He had been a "great husband" in the management of the money, and hoped they would allow him the 200*l.* *per ann.* charged for himself, as all things were so excessively dear, and his salary so mean, that it cost him at least 600*l.* a year of his own estate to support the dignity of the Government, there being no advantage to be had during the time of war; the place was not like the other colonies that depended on themselves and their own trade and manufactures, but there were often strangers, Spaniards, Dutch, and French, with flags of truce, who created great charges to him. The want of shipping to carry off the produce of the island, caused the goods to lie on the people's

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hands, and the King to lose the customs. Dated Jamaica, 26 July 1697. 2 *pages.*

July 27. 88. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several persons who had prayed to compound their impost debts, according to the provisions of a late Act, more particularly as to the debt of Thomas Stevenson, merchant of London; advising that a transport debt should be received by way of composition for his debt. Dated 7 July 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 27 July '97. The 488*l.* 11*s.* to be accepted. W^t^ signed 5 Aug^t^ 1697." 1 *page.*

July 27. 89. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes, sending a warrant for the establishment of the pay of four regiments of marines, to be countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 27 July 1697.

[The warrant not now with the letter.] 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 29. 90. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing two accounts of all grants of lands or other beneficial grants that had passed since the King's accession, for which warrants had been signed by the King and Queen and not countersigned. Dated 29 July 1697.

Accompanied by the two papers referred to, the one from the auditor-general, and the other from the clerk and keeper of the Rolls. 10 *pages.*

July 29. 91. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's pleasure was that Mr. Baber, solicitor of the Excise, should be continued in his employment till the King's return, when His Majesty might be acquainted with what was laid to his charge. Dated Loo, 8 Aug. 1697, [N.S.] 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 29. 92. Letter of the same to the same. He had read to the King his letter relating to several reports received by the Lords of the Treasury from the Lords Justices of Ireland, upon petitions referred to their Excellencies for estates in that kingdom desired to granted; and His Majesty desired their Lordships to transmit their reports thereon, as he thought fit to take them into consideration before his return to England. Dated Loo, 8 Aug. 1697, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 31. 93. Letter of the Lord Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edmund Ellis, late of Lisburn, in the county of Antrim; praying His Majesty, in consideration of his sufferings and services, to grant him the several forfeited lands mentioned in a schedule annexed, amounting to about 140*l. per ann.*; they state that they were advised the lands were worth 189*l.* 15*s.* 1½*d.*, but that, deducting the lands reported on in order to be passed to the Earl of Albemarle, to make up deficiences to him, and such as remained to be reported on for the Earl of Rochford, the net value would be 43*l.* 11*s.* 1½*d. per ann.*

[The schedule not now with it.] 2 *pages.*

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1697. [? About June or July.] 94. Memorial of Henry, Earl of Romney, to the King, representing that there was a fee of 160*l.* *per ann.* settled by Act 22 Hen. VIII. on the Constable of Dovor Castle and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, which appointment the Earl held; that King Charles II. reserved so much out of the Crown revenues in the county of Kent, as would pay the fee, but the present King had granted the same to the Earl of Portland; praying that the said revenue might be restored.

Accompanied by extracts from two Acts of Parliament relating thereto; with an opinion, signed Wm. Dobyns, that the yearly payment of 160*l.* remained charged on the fee farm rents, and might be recovered. Dated 21 June 1697.

In this case the arguments by counsel who were heard before their Lordships are entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 81, 29 Dec. 1697. The entry commences:—"Mr Dobins for the Earl of Romney & Mr Dod for ye Earl of Portland, about ye rents claymed by ye E. of Romney, *com. Kantii*, for paying his fee of 160li *p ann.* as Constable of Dovor Castle & Lord Warden; wch rents are granted to ye E. of Portland. The Act 32 H. 8 is read; it provides for ye paymt of this 160li a year out of augmentation revenues by the recr. Dobins saies there is but 17li a year rent left since the grant to ye E. of Portland, and that this Act stands good; it encumbers ye revenue with this paymt, wch cannot be impeached by ye grant." The counsell did not desire their Lps to decide the matter judicially, but that the King might be informed. 3 *pages.*

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1697. Aug. 2. 1. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to [Mr. Lowndes], intimating the King's pleasure to the Lords of the Treasury, that the deposit of 300,000 guilders agreed to be made in a third hand, should be lodged in the hands of such persons as Mons. Fariseau and partners, the concontractors, should appoint. Dated Loo, $\frac{2}{12}$ Aug. 1697. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 2. 2. Letter from the same to the same. The King's pleasure to the Lords of the Treasury was that no money should be issued to Mr. Graham, the agent of Gen. Ramsay, colonel of the Scots' Guards (who represented that the agent had exhausted and misapplied the off-reckonings of that regiment), until he had stated his account, &c. Dated Loo, 12 Aug. 1697, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 2. 3. Letter from the same to the same, returning the following warrants signed by the King, viz.:—

"For a lease to E. Romney, of Greenwch pk, &c.

"For paying the salry to Lords of Admty.

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"For paying 893 [*l.*] to Lord Lucas & al.
"For discharge [of] Sir Hen. Tichborne.
"For 20,000li to Mr Fox & al."
Dated Loo, 12 Aug. 1697, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 3. 4. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Aaron Deuculle, of the town of Southampton, mariner, touching the freighting a vessel from Amsterdam to Jersey, which ship was taken for the preservation thereof to Dover, and there seized; not objecting to a "*noli prosequi*" for the King's share in the seizure. Dated 3 Aug. 1697.
Minuted:—"Read 3 Aug. '97. A *noli pros.* paying ye dutys."
Also the petition. 3¼ *pages.*

Aug. 3. 5. Similar report, on the petition of Samuel Shepherd and Samuel Eyres, of London, merchants, concerning a lading of French paper by "him" bought of the Commissioners of Prizes; praying to be admitted to pay the additional duties, according to the real value of the goods, and not according to the value in the book of rates.
Minuted:—"Read 3 Aug. '97. The Comrs of Customes must insist upon the higher duty."
The petition and another paper. 3½ *pages.*

Aug. 3. 6. Similar report, on the petition of Samuel Green, touching a parcel of whalebone seized by the officers of Newcastle; advising that he should have the same favourable consideration as others had. Dated 3 Aug. 1697.
Minuted:—"Read 3 Aug. '97. To be discharged prout [*sic*]. Wt signed 6 Augt 1697."
Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 7. Similar report, as to certain whalebone belonging to Alderman Trippet, of Hull, and another parcel belonging to Edward Ascoughe, seized by the officers of that port, not objecting to the same favour being bestowed as had been shown to others in the like case. Dated 3 Aug. 1697.
Minuted:—"Read 3 Aug. '97. To be discharged put others in the like case. Wt signed 10th Augt 1697."
Also four other documents. 5½ *pages.*

[? About Aug. 4.] 8. Petition of Thomas Mathews, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the injustice done him by the reports of the agents for taxes, he having been appointed Receiver-general of the county of Hereford of the first 4*s.* aid, &c.; appealing to their Lordships that he may not be a loser by bringing up the taxes, &c.
Also two bills of the charges of bringing up the taxes.
Minuted:—"4 Aug. '97. My Lords adhere to the agents' reports."
2½ *pages.*

Aug. 4. 9. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the Earl of Bellomont's memorial, about the clothing of four companies

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of foot at New Yook, for which he was ready to pay in salt tallies and malt tickets, if their Lordships ordered it. Dated 4 Aug. 1697.

Minuted :—" Agreed."

" Lĩe signed 6th Aug. 1697." 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 10. Letter of Mr. Jamss Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords Justices were concerned that Sir Willm. Hodges' bills, drawn from Cadiz upon the Victualling Office, were gone back protested, and that his disbursements remained unanswered, as well for what he furnished to the squadron under the command of Rear-Admiral Nevill, as for other victualling service in Spain. Dated 4 Aug. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 4. 11. Letter signed " Jos. Blake " to Mr. Lownds, as to a recompense to " poor Mr. Robert Murry," his fellow citizen, for his activeness, both in the malt and other proposals in Parliament, who had been in custody in a sponging house for a month, in the house of one Armestrong, a bailiff, at the Two Golden Posts, in Boswell Court, behind St. Clement's church. Dated 4 Aug. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Aug. 4.] 12. Petition of Thomas Duppa and Philippa Croke, joint executors to the late Sir Thomas Duppa, their father, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, to be allowed the arrear of 200*l. per ann.*, due to their father as the allowance to him in the office of " Black Rod."

Recd 4 Aug. '97. 1 *page.*

Aug. 5. 13. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. John Nanfan, for payment of an arrear of 175*l.* due to him as Captain in Sir John Jacob's regiment, offering no objection to the payment. The petitioner was appointed Lieut. Governor of New York, and was preparing for his voyage with the Earl of Bellomont. Dated 5 Aug. 1697.

Minuted :—" Out of malt ticqts."

" Lĩe signed 6 Aug. 1697."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 5. 14. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King had approved of the restoration of Mr. Carleton, who had been put out of the commission for the revenue of Ireland to make room for Sir Thomas Southwell. The King desired a payment to be made to the Duchess of Cleaveland on the arrears of her pension, proportionable to what had been paid to other great persons ; further, the King would take into consideration the letter of the 29th past, with the accounts of Mr. Price, late Receiver-General of Ireland.

The postscript states that he sends a deduction received from Sir Paul Rycaut of what related to the business of Gaillardet. Dated 15 Aug. 1697 [N.S.].

Also memorandum as to measures taken by Rycaut for the discovery of ships engaged in the trade with France, sailing under false

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colours; in the discovery of which Mr. Peter Gaillardet and Benjamin Sechay, his partner, were concerned.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Aug. '97, w^th^ the deduction." 6 *pages (quarto).*

Aug. 7. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Fowler, an officer of the Customs at Bourn, in Sussex, who was taken prisoner by a French privateer and carried to Dieppe, where he remained under very hard treatment for 10 months, having two of his ribs broken, &c.: praying allowance of his expenses out of the King's share of a seizure of French silks, &c. Leaving it to their Lordships to order him payment of 47*l.* out of the King's share of the seizure, which was 121*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Dated 7 Aug. 1697.

Minuted:—"47*l.* to be p^d^ out ye K^s^ pt."

Also the petition and two other documents. 5 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 9.] 16. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Bere, late collector of the port of Carlisle, praying allowance of 74*l.* 4*s.*, disbursed for the subsistence of 12 Irish papist soldiers, secured in the castle of Carlisle by order of the Secretary of State; if their Lordships order this payment, the money must be issued to do it with, and there must be another warrant.

With the following Minutes:—

"9 Aug^t^ '97."

"Ref to L^d^ Coningsby & M^r^ Fox, 24^th^ x^br^ '97."

"21 7^br^ '98. A warr^t^ to allow this."

Also the petition, copy of a warrant, and a certificate. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Aug. 9. 17. "An acc^t^ of the numbers of the malt ticketts remaining in M^r^ Povey's hands, as receiver for the sick and wounded seamen & prisoners at war, amounting to the sum of 6,700*l.*" Dated 9 Aug. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 255, 9 Sept. 1697, is:—"The Com^rs^ for Sick and Wounded are to disc^t^ the 5,000^li^ in malt ticq^ts^, at as low a rate of disc^t^ as they can."

[? If portion of the above sum.] 1 *large page.*

Aug. 9. 18. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer. Not having yet an answer from him, as to what fund there was for the "million," which they were endeavouring to get transferred from the bank to the King, His Majesty had ordered the salt tallies to be offered; and commanded that those tallies for 100,000*l.*, and as much more as remained, not exceeding 20,000*l.*, should be forthwith deposited in the hands of the Dutch ambassadors at London, instead of those tallies to be withdrawn by the bank. The troops on the Rhine were reduced to the last extremity by the protesting of Comte Frise's and Van der Meer's bills. The King directed that the land tax tallies in Lord Ranelagh's hands should be delivered to the Dutch ambassador as a deposit, on which they

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hoped to get credit in Holland. Mr. Hill was then at the Hague to transact these matters. Dated Loo, 19 Aug. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 248, 17 Aug. 1697, is:—

"5,000li to be putt into my Lord Ranelagh's hands to dischª Count Frize's bill in new Excheqr bills.

"120,000li in salt tallies in my Lord Ranelagh's hands to be putt into the Dutch ambassador's hands, as a credit for raysing mony in Holland for the forces in Flanders, taking a recᵗ from the Dutch ambassador for the same, pursuant to His Maᵗˢ pleasure, signifyed by Mr. Blathwayte[s] letter of the 19th instant.

"10,000li more on the 3ˢ ayd to be putt into the Dutch ambassador's hands, as a credit for raysing mony for the forces on the Rhine.

"A letter to Lᵈ Ranelagh. That whereas there was 100,000li left in his Lordship's hands in malt ticquetts, designed as a security for a million of gildʳˢ, which His Maᵗʸ is borrowing of the States, wᶜʰ security is now given by depositing 120,000li in salt tallies in the Dutch ambassador's hands; his Lordship is to keep the said 100,000li malt ticquetts for the supply of subsistence for the forces in Flanders."

And again, at p. 251, 1 Sept. 1697:—

"2,500li in Exchr bills to answr small bills of Mr Hill for subsistˢ in Flandrˢ.

"5,000li in dº to answer the bills of Count de Frize & Monsr Vandermaar, for paymᵗ of His Maᵗˢ forces on ye Rhine.

"To the Earl of Ranelagh to receive back from the Dutch ambr the 120,000li of salt tallys deposited in his hands, and instead thereof, to deliver to him 100,000li in malt ticqᵗˢ, without any benefits." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 9. 19 and 20. Letter from Mr. Philip Ryley to William Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury, enclosing a letter from his deputy in the New Forest (dated 4 Aug.), as to timber from thence for the Navy. Dated 9 Aug. 1697. 2½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 9. 21. A list of lottery tickets remaining in the hands of the Master of the Horse. Dated 9 Aug. 1697. ½ *page.*

Aug. 9. 22. Accompt of what lottery tickets on the malt have been issued to Charles Fox, Esq., and what remains in his hand the 9th of August 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 9. 23. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Thomas Hart, praying payment of 162*l.* 7*s.*, due for his arrears in the royal regiment of fusileers. Dated 9 Aug. 1697.

Minuted:—"To be paid as the regiment is paid; to have 50*l.* out of the hackney coach money." 1 *page.*

Aug. 9. 24. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 3rd inst., giving an assurance that 30,000*l.*, for the magazine at Gand and elsewhere, would soon be

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remitted; but the King did not find that directions had been given for the deposit which would be necessary. The King deferred signing the warrant accompanying Mr. Price's account till his arrival in England. Dated Loo, 19 Aug. 1697, N.S. 1 *page (quarto)*.

Aug. 10. 25. Letter from the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, praying him to communicate to the Lords of the Treasury the award made by Mr. Thompson, in the cause between the King and Mr. Fitch, in relation to the new docks at Portsmouth, and to procure the payment of the 1,091*l.* 6*s.* 3¼*d.* so awarded. Dated 10 Aug. '97.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 244, 11 Aug. 1867, is:—"1090li in new Exchequr bills is to be issued to the navy, wch, with 1li 6s 3½d in mo, is to be applyed to satisfie Mr Fitch for his works at ye new dock at Portsmth, pursuant to an award per Mr Thompson." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 26. Letter of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a true account of the whole number of tickets remaing in their hands, which they had not time to dispose of to the artificers, who were unwilling to receive those they did take, expecting much better payment; seeking a greater proportion of the Exchequer bills. Dated 10 Aug. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 244, 11 Aug. 1697, is:—"To the Ordnance, out of ye new Exchequr bills, 30,000l for sea service & 20,000li for land service, in all 50,000li; out of wch they are to discha. ye debt for powder bot in Holld, per the E. Inda Compa, & place the charge thereof to acct of land and sea service, in the usuall proportions." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 27. Presentment by the Principal Comrs for Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the grants made by the King [to the Earl of Arran] of the whole third part of the proceed of the St. Peter [a Spanish man-of-war] and cargo taken by the Anglesey, &c. Further, they had with difficulty paid 1,000*l.* to the Marquis of Monpouillan, who had produced a grant for 4,000*l.* to be paid out of the King's share of such prizes as should be condemned; adding, that they were unable to comply with this grant. Dated 10 Aug. 1697.

Accompanied by the warrant in favour of Charles Earl of Arran.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Aug. 1697."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 244, 11 Aug. 1697, is:—"To the Comrs of Prizes (upon reading their report 10th instant), that they must take care to comply with ye payts directed by Act of P'lt; and as to ye execution of ye warrts, mentioned in ye report, my Lords will receive the King's pleasure at his return." 2 *pages.*

[About Aug. 11.] 28. Petition of Joanna Oxenbridge, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury. Her late husband had impoverished himself in his life in settling the General Post Office. Praying for the settlement of

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the allowance of 60*l. per ann.* out of the Post Office, according to the King's intentions. "Rec^{d} 11 Aug^{t} '97." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 11.] 29. Petition of the Right Hon. the Lady Preston and the Lord Preston, her son. They were informed the Lords of the Treasury had granted a warrant to Dr. Chetwood for some arrears due from the tenants of the Lord Preston's late father's estate, in satisfaction of a debt to the Doctor, &c. Praying their Lordships to stay their orders for levying any arrears, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Aug. 1697. Rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 11.] 30. Petition of Daniel Skinner, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had served at Tripoli as Consul and Agent-General, and was ordered 180*l.* for the same; praying an order for the payment of the money so due to him, his substance having been spent on physicians, &c.

Minuted:—"11 Aug^{t} '97. To be paid with the extra^{rys} of the other forreign ministers." 1 *page.*

Aug. 12. 31. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, acknowledging the receipt of his letter, which stated that for the money borrowed by the bank of the States General, they deposited but the equal sum in tallies; replying that some in Holland affirmed that there was an additional security from the bank. He then hoped malt tickets would be deposited to answer the loan: they might be satisfied with 100,000*l.* in those tickets, and the money being ready to be paid to Mr. Hill at the Hague, the King commanded that the tickets should be deposited in the hands of the Dutch ambassadors in London, on account of the million to be lent in Holland.

Nothing could be done, as was desired by their Lordships, to defer the repayment of the loan, which was for one year, as it was entered in the journal of the assembly of the States of Holland, which had separated, and was not to meet for some weeks; but this loan being once settled, and a regular payment made of the interest of 5 *per cent.* (which is greater than could be got in those countries upon so good a security), there was no fear that the parties concerned would call for their moneys, but would be glad to continue the loan.

In the postscript he states that the King had not considered the reports from Ireland, but an answer might be expected in the next. Dated Loo, $\frac{12}{22}$ Aug. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 24 Aug. '97. M^{r} Abbot to take care to comply with these directions." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 32. Order in Council by the Lords Justices referring to the Lords of the Treasury the petition and other papers of Percival Brunskell, gent., touching claims made by him for derelict land at Lancing, against Sir William Goring: and further relating to his dismissal from the Alienation office and the surveyorship of the greenwax fines. The order is dated 12 Aug. 1697.

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Minuted :—"Read 8 7br '97. My Lords have already heard this matter, & ordered the inquisition to be quashed." *5 pages.*

Aug. 12. 33. Copy of a letter of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices, dated 12 Aug. 1697, sending the Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mary Mangey, widow, certifying that Arthur Mangey, her husband, was convicted of high treason and executed for coining 18*s.*, upon the single evidence of one Geo. Norcross, shoemaker of Leeds; that the said Mary was also tried, on the information of Norcross, and his evidence being unworthy of credit, she was acquitted; that two of the relations had petitioned for the estate of the said Arthur to be granted to them, for the support of the widow and seven small children; and that certain other persons had presented a counter petition.

Also copies of the petition, an order in Council, the petition of the relations, and the order of the Lords Justices referring the same to Mr. Henry Baker.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 90, 12 Jan. 1697–8, is the account of the hearing of the counsel in this case. It finishes by stating that—

"Mr Byndloss, one of the Comrs, saies Mangy's personal estate is 9,000li.

"A grant to pass to Mr Lowman of ye whole estate, except 300li of the personal estate, wch is to be reserved in ye King's power, till it be seen whether Mrs Mangy ingenuously discovers the whole estate.

"My Lords think the grant to Lowman should be charged wth a bond for 250li due to Mr Richd Asheton." *7 pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 16. 34. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. It was the King's pleasure that their Lordships should displace Mr. Baber, an officer of the excise, on account of his "insufficiency;" about which their Lordships had written.

With a postscript mentioning the return of the warrant for the Lady St. George, signed by the King. Dated Dieren, 26 Aug. 1697, N.S.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 272, 6 Oct. 1697, is :—

"Comrs of Excise, Mr Baber's memorial of 15 7br '97 is read. The Comrs of Excise continue in their former opinion, that Mr Baber is not fitt for his imploymt of sollicitor, and my Lords upon hearing them, & considering ye said memorial, do resolve that he be dismist.

"Mr Baber saies the mo has not been acc^ted for, as it should be, & the proceedings have not been regular; mony hath been taken for ye first process, & something is not right as to ye fines: he saies Sr Tho. Clarges asked ye Comrs whether ducks & drakes were made of ye K. mo. Answr was made that the matter of ye fines was layd before ye Lds of ye Treĩy, & no direction given.

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"Sr John Foche complaines agt Mr Parry, ye sollr for law suits, & his deptv, Stanlake, for not doing their duty in the case of one Pride. See *Min.* 29 July '97.

"Mr George Townsend is to be sollicitor for causes before ye Comrs of Excise & Comrs of Appeales, and sollicitor for prosecuting of law suits, with ye salary of 200li *p an.* for himselfe & his clerk.

"The Comrs wilbe here againe this day senight at 5.

"A revocacon or Mr Baber's patent, and Mr Townsend to be constituted in the same patent." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

? Aug. $\frac{16}{26}$. 35. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had received the reports which the Lords Justices of Ireland had sent to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petitions hereafter named; on which the King signified his pleasure that they should cause warrants to be prepared.

1. On the petition of the Earl of Portland, for granting in fee the forfeited estate of the Earl of Clancarty.

2. On the memorial, &c. of Mr. Conelly, in behalf of the Earl of Albemarle, for conveying to him forfeited lands to the value of about 1,020*l.*; to make up a grant to him of 2,000*l. per ann.*

3. On the petition of John Butcher, gent., for granting him the reversion of divers quit rents in Ireland, to the value of 883*l.* 9*s.*, leaving a blank for the term of years.

4. On the petition of Mordecai Abbot, for forfeited lands of 300*l. per ann.*

5. For granting to the Marquis de Puissar forfeited estates in Ireland to the value of 600*l. per ann.*

6. For granting to the children of Sir Charles Porter, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, an estate of 400*l. per ann.* in forfeited lands.

All which warrants for passing the said grants under the great seal of Ireland the King wished should be prepared and transmitted for signature.

7. The King had likewise considered the petition of Maurice Birchfield, for a lease for 21 years, of certain lands amounting to 142*l. per ann.*, and wished further information.

8. The King was pleased to grant an estate of 100*l. per ann.* in forfeited lands for 99 years, to Sir Edw. Byron, if their Lordships judged that the exception of the Lords Justices of Ireland ought not to stop the same.

9. His Majesty also agreed to allow a fourth part of all discoveries of forfeited lands to the persons making the same.

10. He also approved of an additional allowance of 200*l. per ann.* to each of the Judges in Ireland.

11. His Majesty approved of the report on the petition of the Comrs for the custody of the great seal of Ireland, and directed that the necessary warrants and orders should be despatched upon the foregoing matters.

12. And further granted the petition of Brigadier Wolseley for such forfeited lands as he held in *custodiam* in Ireland, which were not already granted.

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A postscript adds that the King expected the warrants over as soon as possible. Dated Dieren, 26 Aug. 1697. 3 *pages* (*folio*).

[? About Aug. 17.] 36. Proposal of Edmund Maund to the Lords of the Treasury, to lend 100*l.* on the Poll Act, provided he might be paid his brother George's debt of 69*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, as late quartermaster in the Earl of Oxford's regiment.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '97. Referr'd to my L^{d} Ranelagh." *Part of a page.*

? Aug. $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{3}$. 37. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, conveying His Majesty's wishes that the grant made to Henry Tyson, in trust for Mr. William Williams, of fee farm rents of the value of 200*l. per ann.*, should pass without payment of the purchase money (3,200*l.*), and His Majesty further wished to know the best way to do it without any charge to Mr. Williams. Dated Dieren, 29 Aug. 1679.

There are two *minutes* that Sir John Talbot is to be spoken with. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 19. 38. Letter from the same to the same. His Majesty approved of the report of the Lords Justices of Ireland in behalf of Dr. Leslye, and desired a warrant to be prepared for the grant of certain forfeited lands to the value of 400*l. per ann.* to the said Dr. Leslye. Dated Dieren, 29 Aug. 1697, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 9 and 20. 39. "An account of malt tickets in the late Queen's Treasury Office, August the ninth 1697, which are laid by in particular parcels to the names of the several persons hereafter mentioned."

Then follows the list of the persons.

Also a further account. Dated 20 Aug. 1697. $5\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Aug. 20. 40. "Account of the malt ticketts remaining in the Treasurer of the Ordnance his hands," the 20th Aug. 1697. 1 *page.*

Aug. 20. 41. An account of the benefit tickets in the malt lottery, out of what was appropriated for the service of the sick and wounded seamen, &c. Signed "Rich. Povey." Dated 20 Aug. 1697. 1 *page.*

Aug. 21. 42. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, about discharging some arrears of quit rents, and the additional salary of 200*l. per ann.* to the judges of Ireland. Dated 21 Aug. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 28. 43. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Mason, Esq., receiver-general of the taxes for the university, town, and county of Cambridge and Isle of Ely; recommending that the sum paid by him in excess be repaid to him. Dated 28 Aug. '97.

Also the petition.

"W^{t} signed 29 7^{br} 1697." 2 *pages.*

Aug 31. 44. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John de Senne, praying the grant of the King's

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part of the forfeitures on certain French silk and lace, which came to his hands, and which when he left France, on account of the persecution there, he brought to England, being contraband; declining to advise the remission of the King's part of the fine. Dated 31 Aug. 1697.

Also the said petition, a petition of his wife, report thereon, and other documents relating thereto.

Minuted:—"The fine not to be remitted." 7 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 45. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending that Hugh Redman, merchant of London, should be allowed to compound for his impost debts. Dated 31 Aug. 1697.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition, a previous report, and two other documents. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 46. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Lane and Sir John Moore, Knts., William Penn, and others, who represented on behalf of the proprietors of East and West Jersey in America, that King Charles II. granted them the liberty to constitute maritime and other officers, and to make and elect ports in those provinces; and thereupon they had so constituted the town of Amboy in East Jersey, and the towns of Burlington, Salem, and Cape May in West Jersey, to be ports for lading and unlading merchandise; and notwithstanding the said provinces were no ways dependant, or part of the province of New York, yet the collectors there presumed to make all ships and vessels bound to the Jerseys come to New York to unlade or pay customs there, which they were advised was illegal and discouraged the trade. The Com^rs report that the inhabitants of New York had granted a certain revenue to the Crown of England for the defence of that province, arising by an impost or custom on imported and exported goods, on Indian trading, on goods carried up Hudson's river to Albany, and an excise on liquors retailed; the collector of those duties had demanded the same on all goods belonging to East and West Jersies coming within the river of New York called Hudson's river, which being about a mile and a half over, divides the Jersies from New York, being as he alleged agreeable to former practice before his time; referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury, as those duties did not come under their (the Com^rs of Customs) management.

The Com^rs of Customs further acquainted their Lordships, that in the establishment of officers presented from hence for Virginia and other the King's plantations, a collector was appointed at Perth Amboy in East Jersey, and another officer at Bridlington in West Jersey, with instructions to collect as well the duties imposed in 25 Car. II. upon tobacco and other plantation commodities shipped from thence, as to inspect the like commodities laden for this kingdom, and to attend the delivery of European goods brought from hence, which were the chief matters for which the Com^rs were

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concerned, and for these purposes it was necessary that there should be such privileged ports. Dated 31 Aug. 1697.

Also the said petition and a later petition, besides a letter and copy of a warrant.

Minuted:—"Read 7 7br. '97. Send it to C. Trade & Plantations, desire their opinion.

"15 7br '97. My Lords dismiss the petn of ye proprietors of East & W. Jersey upon reading ye report from ye Comrs of Trade."

[Much information as to this controversy will be found in "*Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, Vol. IV.*," published by the American Government in 1854. See the index volume under "Amboy."] 6 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 47. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Magdalen Cuningham, widow, admitting that there were debts due to the petitioner's husband, who was a captain in a regiment lately commanded by Sir Robt. Douglas. Dated 31 Aug. 1697.

Minuted:—"20£ to be paid. Pd 8 Oct."

Also the petition and a letter from the petitioner addressed to Mr. Mountague, urgently demanding assistance in her difficulties.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 272, 6 Oct. 1697, is:—

"20li to be paid to Mrs Cuningham, & to be told it appears by ye report, nothing is due from ye K., & she must expect no more." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 48. Representation by the Comrs of the Sick and Wounded to the Lords of the Treasury, urgently seeking suitable relief, they being in great straights, to provide for sick men at Rochester and other places where there was above 10,000*l.* in arrear. Dated 31 Aug. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 1 7br '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 251, 1 7br 1696 (mistake for 1697), is:—

"2,000li in Exchequr bills to ye Comrs of Sick and Wounded, viztt., 1,200li on ye head of wages & 800li on th'ead of victt." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug.] 49. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing the state of the accounts, asking them to determine when the rolls for taking subscriptions should be closed; further, that they would direct the payment of 2,269*l.* 11*s.* 1⅝*d.* to them, for interest on 107,862*l.* 10*s.*; (*Minuted:*—"Directed"); that they would allow the insertion in the Gazette of a notice therein recited; (*Minuted:*—"Agreed"); that they would direct the tellers of the Exchequer to exchange certain bills; (*Minuted:*—"Mr. L. to speak to officers of Exchequr abt this"); and lastly that their Lordships would direct what allowance was to be made to the chamberlain for his trouble and charges in receiving 107,862*l.* 10*s.*, being the first fourth part of the first subscription.

Indorsed:—"31 Aug. 1697, Mr. Lowndes to be minded of one arle [? article]." 1 *page.*

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1697. [About Aug. or Sept.] 50. Petition of James Roettiers to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that his puncheons and medal dies and several tools were still detained from him by the Warden of the Mint; proposing that their Lordships should grant an order to Mr. Harris and himself that they might show the difference of their art; that their Lordships might make use of the ablest for the King's service; stating further that he had received 60*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Neale, but denying any agreement for the 500 pair of dyes for the country mints; there was a particular contract between Mr. Neale and himself about halfpence and farthings, which Mr. Neale seemed willing to continue. He was willing to serve the King to the utmost of his art and ability.

Minuted:—"Mr. Neal saies Roettiers left it to Mr. Neal to do what he pleased for the dyes for ye country mints. That he gave him 50*l.* & he took it, or he will give him ye 50*l.* *See* ye Minute Book."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 253, 7 Sept. 1697, is:—"Roettiers is to have his dyes & puncheons that are usefull onely for medalls & have no relation to the coyning of mony. Mr. Neal will pay him 50*l.* for the dyes for the countrey mints." 1 *page.*

Sept. 2. 51. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the receipt of their Lordships' letter, together with one from the Com^rs^ of the Admiralty, and the copy of a letter from Mr. Naish, a purveyor employed by the Com^rs^ of the Navy, touching the obstructions the latter met with in providing timber for the Navy in the forfeited woods; reporting that a great destruction had taken place in those woods, which was imputed to Mr. Naish's mismanagement. Dated 2 Sept. 1697.

Also two letters from the Com^rs^ of the Revenue of Ireland to the Lords Justices on the same subject. 7 *pages.*

Sept. 2. 52. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had received the two warrants relating to Ireland; the Receiver-General of the States made grievous complaint of the want of interest due on the tallies on the land tax delivered to the Dutch ambassador. These little things destroy our credit abroad. His Majesty directs attention to the troops upon the Rhine, who, without additional care of their subsistence, would be in miserable condition. Dated Soestdyke, $\frac{2}{12}$ Sept. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 7 7br. '97." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 2. 53. Letter from the same to the same, conveying His Majesty's order, that if the business before the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to the "aulnage" in which Lord Villiers was concerned were settled in his favour, the warrant should be transmitted; also that the arrears of pension due to Lady Orkney should be forthwith paid. Dated Soestdyke, 12 Sept. 1697, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 3. 54. Letter signed John Glover, to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury. He had received a letter from Mr. William

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Williams, "Lord Albemarle's gentleman," and begged Mr. Lowndes to get the 200*l.* *per ann.* quit rents despatched, which the King had given to Mr. Williams, and which he had signed a warrant for, in the name of Mr. Henry Tyson, before he left for Flanders. His Majesty's intention was "that it should pass (without payment of the purchase money, being 3,200*l.*) by the privy purse, as the quit rents of my Lord Portland's did, to save him the fees in the Exchequer, which are very high," &c. Dated 3 Sept. 1697. See also Vol. XLVII., 37 and 66. 1 *page.*

Sept. 7. 55. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Robert Quarry, as to certain sugars bought by him, on their condemnation by the Court of Admiralty, in the province of Maryland, shipped for Bristol, and there seized as French sugars; praying to be compensated for the value of the sugars; advising a favourable consideration of the case. Dated 7 Sept. 1697.

Minuted:—"58. 9. 4. to be rep^d & placed to acc^o of incidents."

Also the petition and four other documents. 7 *pages.*

Sept. 7. 56. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the difficulties the collectors of excise were put to by the receipt of old hammered money, part of which had been received by tale and part by weight at 5*s.* 8*d.* and 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce, amounting as by list annexed to 1,746*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*; praying their Lordships to order the same to be melted down and recoined, and that the deficiency be brought to each of the collector's accounts, by way of incident. Dated 7 Sept. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 11 7br. 1697. This m^o is to be melted in presence of Sir Stephen Evance, & the Com^rs to certifie my Lords the value of ye silver & ye losse."

Also the said list. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 7. 57. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Dawes, bridle cutler and leather dresser, praying for the place of general surveyor in the duty on leather; adverse to him. Dated 7 Sept. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 7 7br. '97. The petition is rejected."

Also the petition. 2 *parts of pages.*

[Before Sept. 8.] 58. Petition of Jahleel Brenton, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury, showing the trouble he had taken about prize vessels brought into New England, and that he was appointed agent of prizes; but the Governor and Commander-in-chief in New England pretended that by the statute the receipt and disposal of the prizes belonged to them; further that he had waited a long time for the advantage of the convoy of the Earl of Bellomont, who had been appointed [on 18 June] Governor of Massachusets Bay, &c. in New England, but was advised that the Com^rs of Prizes had appointed for an agent in New England one Mr. George; praying to be reimbursed the money he had laid out and to be reinstated in his office. Received 8 Sept. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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1697. [About Sept. 8.] 59. Petition of Robert Alcock to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to his former petition read to their Lordships four months previously, which prayed for a reward for his services, and stated that Mr. Baker would do nothing in it; praying their Lordships to order his attendance on the petitioner's affair.

Minuted:—"8 7br. '97. Nicho. Baker to be here this day senight." 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 8.] 60. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the petition of Henry Killigrew, Esq., as to a tenement of the value of 80*l.* a year desired by him; stating that the estate belonged to Mr. John Stafford, and was at Hawley in Kent, and of the value of about 70*l. per ann.*

Also the petition. Received 8 Sept. '97.

Minuted:—"29 Sepr '97. The estate is not found to belong to the King, but 20*l.* to be paid him by Mr Taylour." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 15. 61. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Major Edw. Nott, praying the payment of the arrears of pay and subsistence due to him, as major of the regiment in the West Indies; stating that 539*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* were due to him for arrears, and 120*l.* for subsistence; the latter of which he was prepared to pay, with their Lordships' sanction. Dated 15 Sept. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 20 8br '97."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 62. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending several warrants signed by the King, with remarks on them, that the blank in Mr. Butcher's for the term of years should be filled up with "Thirty one," and in that for the discoverers to make their claims might be three or six months. Those for Brigadier Wolseley and Dr. Lesley would be transmitted by another conveyance. Dated Loo, $\frac{15}{25}$ Sept. 1697.

The warrants related to,—

The Earl of Albemarle.
Mr. Butcher.
Marquis Puissar.
Mordecai Abbot.
Sir Chas. Porter's children.
The late Comrs of the Great Seal.
The $\frac{1}{4}$ of discoveries to be allowed.
Judges of Ireland, additional salaries.
Sir Laurence Parsons.
Ann Deyos.
Auditors of the Imprests to allow in the Earl of Ranelagh's accounts, the discount of tallies, &c.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Sept. 17. 63. Letter from the same to the same, enclosing the two warrants in favour of Dr. Lesley and Brigadier Wolseley: with a

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postscript that the King had left out of the list of lands granted to Brigadier Wolseley, what belonged to Sir Patrick Trant, as intended for Lord Gallway. Dated Loo, 27 Sept. 1697. 1 *page.*

Sept. 20. 64. Letter of the Board of Ordnance to Mr. Lowndes, stating that they had made the same discount to Sir John Fleete upon the 1,000*l.* land tallies as was allowed to the East India Company, and further desiring to know the quantity of saltpetre contracted for with the East India Company. Dated 20 Sept. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 20. 65. Copy of a petition of Mr. John Walker, son of Dr. George Walker, governor of the city of Londonderry, during the late siege; also the resolutions of the House of Commons thereon, in which they determined to raise 2,000*l.* for the family of the Doctor. Dated 20 Sept. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 20. 66. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. His Majesty acquiesced in the proposal made in relation to Mr. Williams' fee farms, and that such an allowance should be made to him as would enable him to pay the Exchequer fees and other incidents. Dated Loo, $\frac{20}{30}$ Sept. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 22. 67. Petition of Lady Elizabeth Hamilton to the Lords of the Treasury, for a further allowance to relieve her and her family's necessities, beyond the 40*l. per ann.* granted her by the late Queen to pay her debts, adding :—"Mr Tailor will inform your Lordps with what your petrs necessities forced her to on Saturday last in the morning." Received 22 Sept. '97.

Minuted :—"My Lords never had any order concerning her from the King."

The following notice in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 37, 5 Nov. 1697, probably relates to her :—"Mrs Hamilton, 10li." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 22. 68. Representation by the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the debt due from the Victualling department, advising that some person should be appointed as a trustee for the King, to accept an assignment from the Comrs of Victualling of the 8,000*l.* tallies and orders on the 4*s.* aid, and other tallies for the remaining 26,345*l.* 18*s.* 4¼*d.* Dated 22 Sept. 1697.

Minuted :—"Read 28 7br. '97. An order to C. of Cust. to reserve these tallys for this use, and that as any mony comes in, either for pr. or int., they do apply that mo to ye Excise debt, & duly surcha. themselves with the inter., and that they present to my Lords a list of ye tallys they so reserve. Lre signed 29th 8o."

Enclosing a previous representation and a certificate of the officers of the Victualling department, on the same subject; also a list of bills of exchange. 4½ *pages.*

Sept. 23. 69. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ralph Williamson, Esq., receiver-general of the 4*s.* 4*d.* aid for the counties of Durham and Northumberland, New-

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castle, and town of Berwick-upon-Tweed; recommending that an excess paid in on one account rendered by him, be transferred to the deficit in another. Dated 23 Sept. '97.

Also the petition and two brief states of the account.

"W^t signed 29 7br. 1697." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 70. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes, sending copies of some informations for the Lords of the Treasury, which the Lords Justices had received, relative to the designs of counterfeiters of Exchequer bills. Dated 24 Sept. '97.

Also the informations. 11 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 71. Report of Charles Twitty, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Henry Ferne as to a loss by payment of new money in connection with a sum of 1,600*l.*; recommending the payment to the petitioner of 220*l.* out of the produce of the hammered money; and as to 593*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* paid in new money for the service of the Navy, for which he was doubly charged; recommending that the treasurer of the Navy should pay it. Dated 24 Sept. 1697.

Accompanied by the petition and another paper.

Minuted:—"29 Sep^r '97. Agreed to. L^res & W^ts drawne & signed." 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 26. 72. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that the Lords Justices had sent directions to the Com^rs for Transportations (in pursuance of the King's pleasure), for the shipment of 1,000 horses with the troopers from Willemstadt into England, and further that the King required all possible despatch to be used. Dated 26 Sept. '97. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 27. 73. Letter [of Henry, Earl of] Gallway, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the King had granted to Mr. Cottin a commission of Major of the Ordnance of Ireland, with 200*l.* a year; praying that they would sign his warrant, and give him a quick despatch.

Dated Dublin Castle, 27 Sept. 1697.

Docquetted:—"W^t signed by King in Trea^ry, 1^st X^br 1697." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 27. 74. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a letter from Mons d'Ellemeet, Receiver-General of the States, complaining of want of punctuality in the payment of interest on the tallies; adding that it hindered the getting further loans "on this side." Dated Loo, 7 Oct. 1697.

It is accompanied by the letter referred to, and a second letter stating that he, Mons. D'Ellemeet, had hoped that his agents (commissionaires) would have received all his interests due on his tallies; the secretary of the Ambassador, de Cleverskerche, was his agent, or the ambassador himself, to whom he had sent a copy of his [Mr. Blathwayt's ?] letter, which had almost embroiled him with the ambassador, who wrote on the $\frac{24}{14}$th that there was still nothing but promises of payment of the interest. A postscript states that

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Monsieur Hill would have informed him that he (the writer) had almost achieved the loan of a million for His Majesty, but to find a second would in his opinion be very difficult. (French.)

Minuted :—" Mr Tailor to examine this at ye Exchequr & report. The interest on all the orders mentioned in the inclosed, was directed on the 4 & 10th of Sepr last; according to a signification thereof, given to Mr Blathwayt, by their Lops ordr 9 Sepr last." 6½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 27. 75. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords Justices were informed that the Earl of Bellomont was delayed from going to his Government in America by the refusal of the masters of the transports to sail until the Navy Board performed their contract; directing their Lordships to enquire into it, and remove the obstacle. Dated 27 Sept. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 267, 28 Sept. 1697, is:— "1,200li in Exchequr bills for the service of ye transports, and hereafter my Lords intend to furnish them with 300li a week, to defray the charges of ye transportacions from Holld." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Sept. 28.] 76. Petition of the Keymen in the port of London, showing that ever since 1672 or '73 they had been a select class of officers, and in 1680 the Comrs of Customs judged it requisite to augment their number, and to appoint them with the King's waiters and land-waiters, and whilst on duty to let them share the perquisites with the waiters, being chiefly a gift from the merchants; praying that until they could be heard thereon, for the sake of their families, they might be employed in the delivery of ships as formerly.

Minuted :—" Read 28 7br. '97. Rejected." 1 *page*.

Sept. 28. 77. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to how far their office might be reduced from Michaelmas next; seeking a speedy reply. It shows the names and salaries of the whole establishment. Dated 28 Sept. 1697.

The proposed reduction amounted to 3,330*l*.

Minuted:—" 19 Jan. 1697. The King orders my Lords to signify to the Comrs that the King will continue noe part of the charg of the Prize Office after Lady-day next; & that they cause all accots to be made upp in the mean time."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 130, 15 March 1697–8, is:— "His Maty having signified his pl. that ye Con of Prizes be continued no further then Lady-day next, ye Comrs are forthwth to putt an end to ye charge, and dismiss all their officers; but there being accots to make up, & arrears to be brought in, they promise to continue ye exercise of their power without any sallary." 2 *large pages*.

Sept. 28. 78. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Delleff Christian Hopp, native of Hamborough, residing in London, who had imported certain tin plates and chests of linen in another name, praying to be admitted to make a post entry thereof; informing them that this is the same fraud which

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they had represented as practised by one De Kesar, a sworn broker. Dated 28 Sept. 1697.

Minuted :—"The petition is rejected."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 79. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, asking their favourable assistance for the preparation of a warrant for the King's signature, to carry out the King's intention to bestow on the city of Dublin a collar of SS., and His Majesty's effigies on a medal to be worn by the Lord Mayors. Dated 28 Sept. 1697. 1 *page.*

Aug. 31. and Sept. 29. 80. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Bristow, praying payment of 150*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* due for the balance of his account for the year 1692, in consideration of his loss when prisoner at Stienkirk. Admitting that the amount was due. Dated 31 Aug. 1697.

Also the petition, another memorial from him dated 29 Sept. 1697, a letter in his favour, and "a list of some officers of the first regiment of Guards that are cleered for the year 1692."

Minuted :—"To be paid 75*l.* out of hackney coa. rent. Lre signed 3 8ber 1697." 5 *pages.*

[About Sept. 29.] 81. Report of Mr. John Powell to the Lords of the Treasury, giving the reasons why the leather duties ought to be under a particular management, rather than under the officers of Excise.

Recd 29th Sept. '97.

"Read 29 7br. '97. My Lords will make no alteration in the managemt till the Parliamt meets." 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 82. "State of the charge of sick and wounded seamen & prisonrs at warr, wth the rects of money, from 11 July 1689 to 29 Sept. 1697." 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 30.] 83. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Knt., Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a claim set up by Mr. Charles Bertie (as lessee of the manor of Deeping, under the Queen Dowager) to the goods and chattels and real estate forfeited in that manor by persons attainted of high treason for clipping and coining; in favour of the claim, as far as the goods and chattels were concerned; but not as regarded real estate. Not dated.

Accompanied by the letter from Mr. Lowndes to him, asking for his opinion on the claim. Dated Ult. Sept. '97.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 28, 29 Oct. 1697, is:—"Mr Charles Bertie. The Queen's patent to be entred in this office, & a direction to be given thereupon to the Warden of ye Mint, to take off his hands from the goods & chattells, in ye mannor of East and West Deeping, forfeited by ye treason of Wm Hawkins & — Harrison." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 84. "An account of tallies and malt tickets remaining in the Treasurer of the Navy's hands undirected." Dated 30 Sept. 1697. 1 *page.*

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1697. [? Sept.] 85. Report of Mr. Henry Shales, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, *docquetted* :—"Mr. Shales' acco^{t} of His Ma^{ties} land revenue, in the countys of Yorke, Durham, Northumberland, and archdeaconry of Richmond." 29th Sept. '97.

A copy of this to be sent to Mr. Aldworth, and he to give his answer.

Minuted :—"5 9br. '97. The partys are heard, and this paper, wth the minutes thereupon, to be re-referd to M^{r} Aud^{r} Shales." 2 *pages.*

[? Sept.] 86. Petition of Bethel Peppett, agent for the company of invalids at Tynmouth Castle, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he paid Capt. Phillip Bickerstaff, M.P. for North Shields, 626*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* for subsistence for that company, which sum still remained in his hands, whereby a great disturbance was likely to happen.

Also two letters of the said Bickerstaffe, dated 27 Sept. and 1 Oct. 1697, and one other signed Henry Villiers, 3 Sept. 1697. 4 *pages.*

[About Sept.] 87. Petition of Joan Bourne, widow of Morgan Bourne, deceased, showing that her husband was convicted and executed on the malicious evidence of two notorious offenders in the clipping trade, who swore against her husband to save their lives ; praying for His Majesty's title to her husband's debts, she being left with six children.

Also a certificate of the churchwardens that the widow and children were likely to become a burthen on the parish. Dated Sept. 1697.

Minuted :—"23 June '99. My L^{ds} cannot make y^{e} grant desired." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Sept.] 88. Petition of Abraham Freeman, of the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, watchman, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to have the 10*l.* reward paid to him on the apprehension of Thomas Boone *alias* Booth, a housebreaker.

Minuted :—"W^{t} signed 29th 7^{ris} 1697."

Also a certificate in his favour by the Recorder of London and others. 1 *page and one membrane.*

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1697. Oct. 1. 1. "List of malt tickets that remained in the Transport office not paid out, the 7th Aug. 1697, when the tickets were drawn." Dated 1 Oct. 1697.

Accompanied by an affidavit relating thereto. 1½ *pages.*

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Oct. 1. 2. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury to Mr. S. Travers, Surveyor-General, added at the foot of his report, approving of it, and directing him to make forth a *constat*, or send to the auditor for a particular of the premises (viz., the profits of the office of Havener of the Duchy of Cornwall), and rate the same, in order to a new lease to be passed to the petitioner, Nicholas Morice, Esq., or such as he should nominate, in trust for his son Sir Nicholas Morice, Bart., for 99 years, if the three lives to be named by the petitioner should so long live, reserving the former rent of 30*l. per ann.*, and paying a fine of 1,600*l.* Dated 1 Oct. 1697.

The report states that the profits of the office of Havener, by a medium of seven years before 1641, amounted to 250*l.*, and that in the year 1660 Sir William Morice, then Secretary of State, obtained a grant of it, with various other particulars in relation to it.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 3 *pages.*

[About Oct. 1.] 3. Proposal of Ann Musgrove to the Lords of the Treasury, to discover part of Sir John Friend's estate, as yet undiscovered, for one-third part of the same.

Minuted:—"Read 1 8br. '97."

Also a petition accepting of one-fourth part, but praying their Lordships to give her something over and above the fourth part, proportionable to her good service to the King.

Minuted:—"In case she makes a good discovery sheel have the 4th part." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 4. Letter from Mr. Ja. Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, at the command of the Lords Justices, sending the petition of Mr. Rymer, which they thought very fit to be considered, and that he should be encouraged to proceed in so laborious and useful a work [*the Fœdera*] on which he was engaged, by the King's special command; hoping as he had been disappointed, he might be gratified out of the forfeiture he then petitioned for. Dated 4 Oct. 1697.

Minuted:—"The K. has disposed Sir Jn° Friend's estate."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 224, 19 Aug. 1698, is:—"200li to Mr. Rymer in part of his expences." 1 *page.*

Oct. 4. 5. "Instructions to the Lords Justices for sending over the two Dutch regiments of Horse to Holland."

Copy of the King's warrant for the same. Dated $\frac{4}{14}$ Oct. 1697. *Part of a page.*

Oct. 5. 6. Memorial, signed Lance Burton, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had received a letter from Sir Charles Isaac's clerk, from Holland, desiring him to inform their Lordships that by the protracted stay of the King in Holland, and the expense which attended it, by reason that the Elector of Bavaria and several other great princes were entertained at Court, the sum computed for the last year's expense of the campaign would fall short at least 5,000*l.*; desiring they would issue money to the cofferer for that service. Dated 5 Oct. 1697. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 5. 7. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the particular transactions that have been between this board and Mr. Pye, late collector of Newcastle, viz., as to his debt and securities. Dated 5 Oct. 1697.
Minuted:—"Read 5 8^br '97." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 5. 8. Presentment by the same to the same, as to the shipment of certain clothes and accoutrements, intended for His Majesty's soldiers at New York; on which the Lord Bellomont, at his leaving London for his government of New York, desired the collector of Portsmouth might not demand customs; praying their Lordships' directions. Dated 5 Oct. 1697.
Also two short inventories of the clothes.
Minuted:—"My Lord Ranelagh to pay this & putt it to ye acc^o of y^e comp^a." 1 *page and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Oct. 6. 9. Letter of Mr. Wm. Aldworth to William Lowndes, Esq., certifying that it did not appear what rents the "Trustees" had set apart for payment of pensions; proposing that he might have a commission to inquire touching the arrears and growing rents "discharged by allegation" in Mr. Smith's account of Norfolk and Huntingdon for the year 1681. He would only ask to be paid out of what should be brought in from his schedule. If he succeeded their Lordships might give directions for the rest of the counties. He did not understand Mr. Auditor Shales' report upon Mr. Hawson's papers, so desired respite till he returned from his audits. Rents conveyed to the Duke of Leeds amounting from 1672 to 795*l.* 8*s.*, and rents in Richmond and Durham sold to Lord Bellasyse amounting from the same year to 244*l.* 15*s.*, had been accounted for to the Crown, and he hoped he should not suffer by unjust imputations. The third allegation concerned the executors of Messrs. Thos. and John Bland, who were receivers of Yorkshire, and he thought could not find money to pay their securities. Dated 6 Oct. 1697. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 6. 10. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Neile, gent., to the King, praying a grant of the estates of Col. John Bourke, commonly called Lord Boffin, and the late Lord Gallway; transmitting a report thereon from the Com^rs of the Revenue in Ireland, leaving the matter to His Majesty's wisdom. Dated 6 Oct. 1697.
Also the petition and report; a memorial for the passing of a grant of the estate of the colonel to such person as he should nominate to maintain his Protestant children; and a particular or schedule of the estates with their values, and copy of a warrant dated 2 April 1698, in favour of the reversal of the outlawry of the said John Burke, late of Tyrrelan, in the county of Galway, Esq.
Minuted:—"Read to y^e King 18 July '98. Not granted." 13¼ *pages.*

[About Oct. 6.] 11. Petition of Col. Edw. Dutton Colt to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that he had been necessitated to contract for clothes,

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arms, &c., and had no funds to pay off the contracts, and was threatened to be thrown into prison, &c.

Also copy of a report of 11 Oct. 1694, by Lord Ranelagh, on a previous petition of the said colonel.

Minuted :—" Rec^{d} 6th Oct. '97. Read eod^{o} die. To be considered when the arrears of ye army are paid." 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 6.] 12 and 13. Petition of Robert Bedoe, under housekeeper of Whitehall, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that on the new making of the Privy Gardens, Whitehall, there was a large piece of ground added, lying towards the river, which would require a considerable charge to keep in repair ; praying for a further allowance for the same. " Rec^{d} 6 Oct. '97."

The plan thereof, with a description of the laying out of the ground. 2 *pages, and the plan on a large sheet.*

Oct. 7. 14. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Archibald Hutcheson, Esq., as to a debt of 700*l.* due to him, 200*l.* of which had not been paid. Offering to pay the same if instructed. Dated 7 Oct. 1697.

Minuted :—" 28 8br. '97. Agreed to."

Also two memorials from him. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 7. 15. Report of the same to the same, on the memorial of the Com^{rs} of the Leeward Islands, praying to have directions to pay 720*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* out of the subsistence of Col. Holt's regiment in their hands; to Mr. Carey, &c. in favour of the payment. Dated 7 Oct. 1697.

Also the said memorial.

Minuted :—" Agreed to." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 8. 16. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the several papers relative to an arrear of 684*l.*, which James Dunkin petitioned to be allowed ; he having been a farmer of the hearth money for the counties of Down and Antrim, in the year 1687, and answered the same in cattle and grain to King James II. Dated 8 Oct. 1697.

Also the papers. 20 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 12. 17. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Jeffrey Jeffrys, praying that his impost account for tobacco, might be made up with an allowance of 8 *per cent.* for waste, shrinkage, &c. ; being an answer to various complaints made against them by the petitioner. Dated 12 Oct. 1697.

Also the memorial.

Minuted :—" Read 19 8^{br} '97. My Lords can give no greater allowance then what was settled by the compromise." 2 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

Oct. 12. 18 and 19. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Thomas Byfeild and other merchants and inhabitants of London, to admit certain goods for entry, which were captured by a French

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privateer, and re-captured by a Zealand privateer and carried to Flushing, and there bought; advising that these involuntary deviations ought not to prejudice the importation. Dated 12 Oct. 1697.

Also the petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"My Lords agree w^th^ the report." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 13. 20. Letter from the Postmasters-General to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., asking him to lay the enclosed representation before their Lordships. Dated 13 Oct. 1697.

The "representation" showing that the packet boats between Falmouth and the Groyn, had during the war taken several prizes, but the commanders and seamen had received little out of the profits. One warrant had been granted in their favour, but it proved of little value: the postmasters now prayed their Lordships to grant them the profits out of certain other prizes, therein specified, for the maintenance of the packet boats, having first rewarded the captains and seamen. Dated 12 Oct. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 92, 12 Jan. 1697–8, is:—"Captains of the pacq^t^ boat between Falmouth and the Groyne, to have a profit out of the prizes, *prout* the report of the Postmasters read this day." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 13. 21. Representation by the Com^rs^ of sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a "state of the charge of sick & wounded seamen & prisoners at warr, w^th^ the rec^ts^ of money, from 11 July 1689 to y^e^ 29 September 1697; soliciting money to defray the debts." Dated 13 Oct. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 14. 22. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting an address of the House of Commons, in behalf of the Protestant strangers; whereby it was desired that a foreign Protestant minister might be appointed in every country parish, wherein 50 or more Protestant strangers should be settled, with a reasonable salary; advising that 600*l.* a year would be a sufficient fund for that purpose. Dated 14 Oct. 1697.

Also the address. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 23. A state of Exchequer bills received and issued by the four tellers of the Exchequer and receiver-general of the Excise, to the 15th of Oct. 1697 inclusive, according to their certificates returned to the trustees for exchanging the said bills. 1 *page.*

Oct. 18. 24. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the warrant to the Lords Justices, for the collar of SS., signed by the King. His Majesty did not seem inclined to sign the one for Mr. Townsend till his return to England, which would be very soon. He (the writer) had acquainted the Receiver-General of the States with what Mr. Lowndes had said, about the interest of tallies, in the hands of the Dutch ambassador, and hoped there would be no further complaint. Dated Loo, $\frac{18}{28}$ Oct. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Oct. 19. 25. Memorial of the Com^rs of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to money paid into the Mint to be recoined. Dated 19 Oct. 1697.
Also an official notice from the Com^rs of Appeals to the Com^rs of Excise. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 26. Report of the Com^rs of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Eggia de Mezar and other Armenian merchants, stating that they had brought overland from Persia, certain Persian silk and handkerchiefs for presents; which when they were proceeding to enter, were seized by the officer at Harwich: by the Act of navigation, the goods of Asia, Africa, and America were "restrained to be imported from the places of their growth, production, or manufacture, or from those ports where such goods or commodities can only, or usually have been, first shipped, for transportation under pain of forfeiture." Advising favourable consideration. Dated 19 Oct. 1697.
Minuted:—"To be d^d, paying custome & giving satisfaction to the officer."
"W^t signed 20^th 8ber '97."
Also the petition and case of the merchants. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 27. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. The Dutch ambassador had represented to the Lords Justices, the hardship he found himself under, by the refusal at the Exchequer, to pay him interest due upon tallies, for money advanced by the States General, for the use of the King's troops upon the Rhine. Dated 19 Oct. 1697.
Accompanied by the ambassador's memorial (French), and a translation thereof. 3½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 20.] 28. Petition of Richard Bentley, library keeper to His Majesty. The library at St. James's was very much out of repair, to the great damage of many valuable manuscripts, and it was too small to receive the books, so that above 2,000 volumes lay on the floor, and above 1,000*l.* worth were lodged abroad. With an order referring the matter to Sir Chr. Wren, Knt., surveyor general of works. The reference is dated 20 Oct. 1697. 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 20.] 29. Petition of John Norris Joiner, of the Privy Chamber, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for 163*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* due to him.
Also an account of the separate sums making up that amount. 29 Sept. 1697.
Received 20 Oct. '97.
Minuted:—"4 Dec. '97. To be p̃d out of malt ticketts." 2 *pages.* (*quarto*).

Jan. 21, 1696–7 to Oct. 21, 1697. 30. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Brigadier Wolsley. They were sensible of the King's intention to extend his bounty to the brigadier, in consideration of the services he did His Majesty and this kingdom,

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in the late wars. They recommend the prayer of the petition to be granted. Dated 21 Jan. 1696.

The petition, which states that he had an order for a *custodiam* of forfeited lands in Ireland, for three years, but before it was perfected several of the lands were passed to the Hon. Tho. Knightly; and other lands were about to be passed to the Earl of Rochford, and the petitioner had been at upwards of 800*l.* expense about the same order: asking for further interest in similar lands.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. Rejected."

An affidavit relating thereto.

The particulars of the lands so granted for three years (4 papers).

A series of 13 letters, dated between 27 April and 21 Oct. 1697, of the said Wm. Wolseley. Two of these, and probably all, were addressed to Mr. Richard Powys, at the Treasury Chamber; all relating to the grants of land he was desirous of obtaining. 28 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 21 and 22. 31. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. Captain Kirk was employed to go over and take charge of the horses of two Dutch regiments of horse, which were to be sold; communicating their Excellencies' order for the payment of 100*l.* for his expenses. Dated 21 Oct. 1697.

Another letter from the same to Mr. Lowndes, respecting the same two regiments. Dated 22 Oct. 1697. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Oct. 22. 32. Letter of the same to the same, forwarding to them, by direction of the Lords Justices, the memorial of some Algerines, whom the King had subsisted, till there was an opportunity of sending them home; expressing the King's wish that they should be provided for, until then. Dated 22 Oct. 1697.

Also the said memorial.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 73, 10 Dec. 1697, is :—40^{li} for ye Algerines, whereof 25^{li} to cloath them; the rest for subsist[ence]." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 33. Copy of a letter of Mr. Lowndes, inquiring if there were any other abuses than those lately set forth in the memorial of the [Com^{rs} of Excise], as the matter was then under the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 22 Oct. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 25, 27 Oct. 1697, is :—"The Com^{rs} present another paper of mismanagements." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? Oct. 25.] 34. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the second warrant signed by the King, for satisfying the interest or reward to the persons concerned in the second subscription, for circulating Exchequer bills. Dated Zulestein, 4 Nov. '97. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 26. 35. Petition of Thomas Goldsmith, citizen and upholder of London, for a reward for originating the proposal to tax the hawkers and pedlers. With a certificate at the foot in his favour.

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Minuted:—"Rejected."

Also two letters to Mr. Lowndes, in favour of the petitioner, one of which is dated 26 Oct. 1697. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 27. 36. Letter signed "Fitzharding," addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury. By the receipt of his letter he learnt it was their Lordships' pleasure, that he should present his first clerk to them to be sworn, according to the act. He (Lord Fitzharding) must attend Her Royal Highness the next week to town, when he would wait on their Lordships, and would recommend for their approbation Mr. Robert Squibb, his first clerk. Dated Windsor, 27 Oct. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 28. 37. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Brigadier William Wolseley, as to his being "reprized" out of some forfeited lands for several estates held by him in *custodiam,* which had been granted by the King to the Earl of Albemarle and the Earl of Rochfort, whereby he was deprived of part of the King's favour: recommending him on account of his zeal and diligence. Dated 28 Oct. 1697.

Also his petition. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 29. 38. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the warrant signed by the King, granting to the Lord Woodstock, the estate of the late Earl of Clancarty. Dated Hague, 8 Nov. 1697, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[The grant of this property is mentioned in *Macaulay's History of England,* Vol. V., p. 29.]

Oct. 26 and 29. 39. Copy of letter of Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing report of Mr. Richard Bishop, surgeon for the sick and wounded seamen, made to the Com^rs^ for Sick and Wounded, as to the state of health of the crew on board the Katherine and Isabella, from Barbadoes.

Also another letter thereon, from the same to the same. Dated 26 and 29 Oct. 1697.

One is minuted:—"Will take care the directions be observed." 4 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 30.] 40. Copy of memorial by Joseph Beverton, one of the riding officers of the Customs at Canterbury, to the Lords [Justices], praying them to grant him out of the fines laid on merchants a gratuity suitable to his services, in detecting various owlers and smugglers, as therein detailed.

Referred and recommended to the Lords of the Treasury, 30 Oct. 1697, to be advanced to more beneficial employment in the Customs. 4 *pages.*

[About Oct. 30.] 41*a*. Memorial of Sir Richard Haddock, Sir John Parsons, Knt., and Nicholas Fenn, Esq., in behalf of themselves and Anthony Sturt, Esq., deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that

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upon their petition they had been empowered to audit the account of victualling: praying an allowance for their services.

Accompanied by the copy of the petition to which allusion is made.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 30th Oct. '97. Read 4 x^{br} '97. When their acc^{t} to the K. passes, my Lords will consider the subject matter of this mem^{ll} for their allowance, w^{ch} may pass as an article in that acco^{t}." 2 *pages*.

[? About Oct.] 41*b*. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial relating to the quays, the surveyors and land-waiters of the port of London, which suggested that by reason of certain compacts and agreements made by the wharfingers, the surveyors, and land-waiters, there was a combination against the King's interest and service. The report finds that there were three distinct agreements, at two of which they were much surprised: the wharfingers admitted that they were agreed to farm the lawful quays and have the profits, and that was rather an advantage: the author of the memorial was mistaken as to the bounding of the quays and wharfs, for the commission and the Act provided that they should lie open 40 feet from the river, without division or separation, and only "Denter stones" should be placed in the pavement to distinguish property. The wharfingers had since they were a society removed such posts and partitions as had encroached upon the quays, and had since they were under this agreement jointly signed an instrument for the better regulating the quays and wharves. The agreement between the land-surveyors was as to the distribution of the profits equally; which was not for the good of the revenue, for it took off the edge and industry of particular persons: they were much more surprised at the agreement of the land-waiters, which besides dividing the fees, seemed to constitute them a body politic or corporate, and erected a certain judicature for punishment of offences, and was by no means to be countenanced: further sending copies of the said agreements.

Undated; but all the subscribers were Com^{rs} in 1697, and the following documents, though not found with this report, seem to be referred to in the report:—

"Copy of an anonimous memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, touching a confedracy between the wharfingers, land-surveyors, and land-waiters."

The charges against them were, that they pulled up the boundary posts between the quays to intermix the goods, and the quays lay open from Tower Wharf to London Bridge, the wharfingers combined in one common stock to smuggle for the merchants and enrich themselves; and they had lately included the surveyors and land-waiters in a firm compact, to divide the fees, so that they might be partners in all frauds as well as fees. Dated 9 Aug. 1697.

Copy of an agreement amongst the land-surveyors for an equal division of the profits of the office. Dated 7 Oct. 1697.

Petition of the King's-waiters and land-waiters in the port of London, to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging their fault in

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entering into an agreement for dividing their fees without the sanction of the Com^rs, enclosing their reasons for the same, and praying for pardon of the offence.

"Rec^d 12 Oct. '97."

The copies of the other separate agreements are not now with the report. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 2. 42. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Shepheard and Abraham Beake, for themselves and other merchants of London, as to certain prize goods, viz., fish and oil bought by them, on which a duty, as on foreign goods, was demanded by the officers of Customs at Plymouth, viz., to pass free of duties. Dated 2 Nov. 1697.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition and three certificates. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 43. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Hugh Watson and James Cook, merchants of Stockton, touching cut whalebone seized by officers of that port.

Minuted:—"To be admitted to entry, paying y^e duty and satisfying y^e officer." Dated 2 Nov. 1697.

Also the petition, two affidavits, and a certificate. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 44. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Cornelius Mason and others, as to the shipment of 18,483^li of tobacco for Rotterdam, on which 135^li was omitted to be deducted, which was allowed inwards for damage; praying for a "*noli prosequi,*" advising that they were fit objects of compassion. Dated 2 Nov. 1697.

Also the petition and two other documents.

Minuted:—"My Lords will remitt y^e K. pt of y^e composic̃on, but direct no deb^r to be made." 4 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 3.] 45. Petition of John Dawes, bridle cutter and leather dresser, for the next vacancy of a King's-waitership, or land-waitership, in the port of London.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 3 Nov. '97." *Part of a page.*

Nov. 3. 46. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mons. Pauly, the resident of Denmark, praying for the restoration of a parcel of Denmark linen, seized by an officer of the Customs; advising that if the seizure were set aside, the goods would fall under the same consideration with all the other goods imported, there being no exemption in favour of foreign ministers. Dated 3 Nov. 1697.

Minuted:—"To be discharged, satisfying the officer, and paying the dutys. [W^t] signed 12 9^br 1697."

The said memorial and another paper relating thereto. 3¼ *pages.*

Nov. 4. 47. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, forwarding the petition of Percival Brunskell, gent., to the Lords

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Justices of England, for their recommendation of himself to the Lords of the Treasury, for the office of controller of first fruits and tenths. Dated 4 Nov. '97. *Parts of 2 pages.*

[About Nov. 5.] 48. Memorial of the Earl of Argyll to the Lords of the Treasury. The troop of Scots' Guards under his commands on the English establishment had received no subsistence since 1 Jan. last; the agent had supplied them on credit to keep them and their horses from starving, but could do so no longer, and unless they had present relief, they could not be kept from breaking; praying for two or three months' subsistence, or what they thought fit.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 5th Nov^{r} '97." 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 49. Letter from Mr. May, by command of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to Mr. Lounds, as to certain sets of weights, being the standard for money current in Ireland, received from the officers of the Mint in England. Dated 6 Nov. 1697.

Accompanied by the application for three sets of weights, and a letter of Mr. Isaac Newton, signed by him, stating that he had made and adjusted the three sets of money weights required.

Relating to this matter is the following minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 28, 29 Oct. 1697:—"Officers of the Mint, M^{r} Pauncefoot will carry a messinger to them, who is to receive the weights for Irel^{d}, & give them a receipt, to deliver them to the Lords Justices." 4 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Nov. 6. 50. "An abstract of moneys paid into the several Mints by the several Receivers-General, as also paid out of the said Mints to the said Receivers on the branches foll[owing], to the 6th Nov. '97 inclusive."

Mere memoranda of totals. ¼ *page.*

Nov. 8. 51. Letter signed "Fr. Gardiner," to the Right Hon. Charles Montague, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The malcontents have lived in greater freedom under this King's reign than in the two former reigns; the double taxes were overbalanced by exemption from bearing offices; upon the King's arrival the Parliament might meet again, if so, he prayed leave to stay till Christmas for the clearing of the Mint; he had known the King since he was 16 or 17 years of age, and had hopes of his being the greatest Prince in Europe, observing such sedateness and thoughtfulness in him as was rarely found in any person at those years; the King's warlike temper made every brave man love and his sneaking enemies fear him; the imposition of the Association upon all from 16 to 60, would prevent any of the latter remaining; whoever should set up the title of King James, or the pretended Prince of Wales, should be punished as an enemy, and none should hold office until they had taken the oath of allegiance and subscribed the Association. They had been greatly plagued in the house with petitions about rivers being made navigable; the more water carriage they made in the land, the easier and cheaper for the people, and better

1697. for the roads; there are very few great towns but might be helped by this means, and by destroying the water mills and erecting windmills. In Amsterdam there were near 500,000 souls, and not one water mill to grind their corn, and they never wanted meal; the plate had not come into the Mint as was expected; most of the plate in England was inferior in purity to the order in the last Act of Parliament; it would seem reasonable that no plate in England should be used but what was of the purity therein appointed, or a tax of 2*d.*, 4*d.*, 6*d.* the ounce laid on plate below the standard; and all the plate of colleges, &c. to be brought to the next Mint to be registered, and the money arising to be laid out in the purchase of lands for the benefit of such societies; three or six months should be given to bring in the old plate at 5*s.* 4*d.* the ounce, and no old hammered money should pass any longer, save to the future taxes at 5*s.* 2*d.* an ounce.

The present thoughts about reducing guineas created jealousy and confusions amongst the people, who were disturbed with burials, births, and marriages. and the window duty, and unless there was some consideration the peace could hardly be preserved. Dated 8 Nov. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 52. Memorial of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting them with a list of the officers and clerks employed in the five country Mints, together with their salaries; praying their Lordships to pay the same. Dated 9 Nov. 1697.

Accompanied by the list.

With it is also a brief list, containing the names of the deputy wardens and deputy controllers. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 53. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Amydon, merchant, as to a parcel of East India wrought silk belonging to him, and seized by an officer of Customs for London, for a false entry; submitting it to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 9 Nov. 1697.

The petition and three other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"My Lords can give noe relief in this case." 6 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 54. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Francis Gosfright and other merchants of London, owners and freighters of the galley called the Prince George, praying to be discharged of the duty of one *per cent.*, stating that they had nothing to object. Dated 9 Nov. 1697.

Also the petition and two other documents.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 9. 55. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Henry Smith of Dublin, praying the restoration of certain money of his seized by a Custom-house officer at Liverpool; adverse to the petitioner. Dated 9 Nov. 1697.

Also four other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"A letter to the Com^rs^ to cause this seizure to be prosecuted w^th^ effect." 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

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Nov. 9. 56. Copy of a letter from the Com^rs of Cus toms to the collector of Dover. They agreed to present Jeoffrey Haford to be established by the Lords of the Treasury, as a riding surveyor, for the guard of the Isle of Thanet and the adjacent coast; and that he should reside at "Margrett" [Margate?]; but they could not remove John Knight and his servant from his station at Hythe, where he was absolutely necessary to suppress the owling. Dated 9 Nov. 1697. 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 57. "An estimate of the general debt of his Ma^ties Navy on the severall heads undermentioned, calculated to y^e 30 of September 1697; excepting what is contracted on acco^t of y^e xxvij new ships." Dated 9 Nov. 1697. 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 58. Representation of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury. The debt had "exceedingly swelld" by the great number of seamen, &c. set ashore, especially from the West India and Newfoundland squadrons, "who come on shore in such deplorable condition that our officers do even nauseate the sight of them, they are so offensive:" praying for an immediate supply. Dated 9 Nov. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 10 9br '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 43, 10 Nov. 1697, is:—"Com^rs of sick & wounded 1,200^li out of Excheq^r bills on ye loans, viz^t 800^li on ye head of wages, 400 vict." 1 *page.*

Nov. 10. 59. "An account of the benefit tickets in the malt lottery, out of w^t was appropriated for the service of the sick and wounded seamen, &c., 10 Nov. '97."

Also an affidavit of Richard Povey, gent., receiver for the sick and wounded seamen, &c., as to the reception of lottery tickets to the value of 6,700*l.* for the service of the sick and wounded. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 60. Report signed R. Powys, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had examined the papers relating to Col. Leighton, and they stated that he was sent to Ireland with several hundred blank commissions, with private instructions, arms, &c.; in which service he paid two small merchant ships for nine weeks. The King gave him the office of warden of the fleet, and there was litigation about his patent, and his expenses and losses amounted to upwards of 2,400*l.*; a warrant was passed to grant him a pension of 200*l. per ann.*, out of the lotteries, and another to grant him 100*l.* from the Royal bounty; but he (the said Powys) did not find any particulars to make out the debt claimed by the Colonel, and knew not where to send to him to enquire further. Dated 10 Nov. 1697.

Accompanied by a letter from the Colonel. 1 *page and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 11. 61. Order in Council on a letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland, as well as on a report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General, transmitted by their Lordships, concerning the Earl of

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Orrery's pretentions to 9,000*l.*, granted by King Charles II. to Roger Earl of Orrery; referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury to report on. Dated 11 Nov. 1697.

The letter and report, and another Order in Council, together with the petition of the Earl.

Minuted:—"Granted."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 77, 15 Dec. 1697, is:—"Earle of Orrery's papers read, about the laps'd mony. Granted." 1½ *pages.*

[? About Nov. 12.] 62. The case of Sir Peter Killigrew, Knt., who, with John Tregagle, Esq., had a grant of the office of Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall. Sir Peter, on the death of the said John, had agreed by deed that his son John should have the whole salary and profits of the office, Sir Peter receiving 300*l.* and 200*l.* *per ann.* The object of the paper seems to be to ascertain if Sir Peter, on failure of payment of those amounts, could take the salary and profits.

On the *dorse*:—"12 9^{br} 1697."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 88, 11 January 1697[–8], is:—"My Lords order that an extent be made forth on ye bond of S^{r} Peter Killigrew, for the rec^{t} of ye Dutchy of Cornwall, to find how much of ye King's m^{o} is in the hands of M^{r} Tregagle or M^{r} Hooker; and that on returne of the Inquisition a course may be taken ag^{t} them for ye King's money deteyned by them; and M^{r} Hen. Baker (now present) is to take care of this at ye King's charge." 1 *page.*

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[About Nov. 17.] 1. Petition of Henry Killigrew to the King, praying for the bestowal upon him of the recognizance of Mr. George Ward, who was found guilty of manslaughter by the coroner's inquest, and who was admitted to bail, which was forfeited by his withdrawal.

"Brought in by y^{e} King 17th Nov. '97."

"Read 26 Nov. '97. To be carryed to Kensington. Granted."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 72, 8 Dec. 1697, is:—"Hen. Killigrew. Pet^{n} and widdow Wilmott's for some forfeited recognizances granted to Hen. Killigrew." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 17.] 2. Petition of Michael Lang to the Lords of the Treasury. Under the King's assurance of protection and indemnity he had given information of the pretended Swedish fleet, seized in their voyage from France by Admiral Rooke, whereby he was threatened with revenge by charges at law, &c.; praying for the King's protection and indemnity.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 17th Nov^{r} '97." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Nov. 18. 3. Letters of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to William Lowndes, Esq., sending a copy of the state of the debt to the 29th of September. Dated 18 Nov. 1697. 1 *page.*

Nov. 19. 4. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Newport, praying, as compensation for his services and losses by sea and land, for a grant of certain forfeited estates; they state that the greatest part of the estates mentioned had been already reported for the Earl of Albemarle, Mr. Abbot, and Sir Charles Porter's children; but they had examined another list, computed by the Com^rs of Revenue to be of the value of 368*l.* 17*s.* 10½*d. per ann.*, one small part thereof, viz., the forfeiture of John Cowell, had been reported for the Earl of Meath. Dated 19 Nov. 1697.

Accompanied by (1) the list of the estates.

(2) The letter of the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the petition to the Lords Justices.

(3) The petition which seeks the grant of the forfeited estates of James Gilligan, George Hoare, Patrick Lea, and divers others; the petitioner states that he was an inhabitant at Carrick in the co. of Tipperary, and supplied the sick and wounded when the hospital was at Carrick; he supplied the timber to make up the broken bridge over the River Shoure, to carry the army and carriages, to reduce Waterford; and that he was honoured with the King's presence at his house divers times, when he had opportunities to beg, but needed not. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 5. "Ordnance mem^ll ab^t salt tallies, & for a further supply of Exchequer bills." Dated 19 Nov. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 5, 1696–7 to Nov. 20, 1697. 6. Various papers connected with the proceedings of the Com^rs for victualling the Navy, including:—"The Commissioners of the Navy's observations upon the representations of the Com^rs of the Victualling."

[Not worthy of individual description.] 35 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 7. Letter of Mr. James Vernon, to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of the widow of Captain Willmott, late Commander-in-Chief of the King's West India squadron, who, she states in the petition, was twice in the line of battle, when commander of the "Elizabeth," and in the intended descent upon France, and in other actions at Dieppe, St. Maloes, and Havre-de-Grace; and as commander-in-chief was ordered to the West Indies, and did service against the French at Port Fransway and Porto-Paix, on the coast of Hispaniola, and died returning to England at Havannah: viz., in favour of granting the petitioner a recognizance estreated into the Exchequer, of the value of 400*l.* Dated 21 Nov. '97.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Nov. '97. To be carryd to Kensington.—Granted to Killigrew." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 8. Memorial of Andrew Corbett, Esq., Commissioner for recovering and receiving the rights and perquisites belonging to the Lord

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High Admiral of England, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; showing that he recovered considerable amounts, which were continually granted away by warrants, so that he could not get his salary, &c. out of the said perquisites; but for the future, the King had granted a proportion to be reserved out of all the grants: desiring to be heard by their Lordships, before a grant was made to the Postmaster-General. Dated 23 Nov. '97.

Also a certificate of the Lords of the Admiralty, relating thereto.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 103, 2 Feb. 1697–8, and p. 158, 3 May 1698, are memoranda that Mr. Corbett's papers were read. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 24.] 9. Petition of Mary, Ann, and Magdalen Ross, the daughters of George Ross, Esq., deceased. The King was made sensible of the petitioners' condition on his going into Holland the last time but one; and had ordered them to be relieved, but they had had no benefit of his bounty: praying for speedy relief, without which, they must be exposed to a prison.

Docquetted:—"Brought in by y^e^ King," 24 Nov. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 152, 20 April 1698, is:—"Mary, Ann, and Magdalen Rosse, to have 10^li^ a year more for each of them, w^ch^ will make up 30^li^ *p ann.* apeice." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Nov 24.] 10. Petition of James Dunkin, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had farmed the hearth money of the counties of Down and Antrim in Ireland, for the year 1687, but had become involved by the disturbances, which had occasioned him to be in arrear for the last payment for which he was bound; not being able to collect the same, he had sent into the stores to the value of 684*l.* from his stock of cattle and grain. Upon the landing of the Duke of Shomberg, the then government grew very jealous of Protestants, and several were confined in and about Dublin, which was the reason he staid in the north: praying that his security might be delivered up.

Received 24 Nov. '97. 1 *page.*

Nov. 24. 11. The auditor's (Mr. B. Bridges) report to the Lords of the Treasury, on the books and papers delivered him which related to the accounts of the late Com^rs^ for wine licences. Dated 24 Nov. 1697. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 25. 12. "Ordnance representation to my Lord Romney, relating to the establishment of y^e^ office."

A representation indorsed as above. [The Board] had found it impossible to make a perfect estimate of the charge of the office, before they knew what force would be required; the allowance in 1684 was 60,000*l.*; no part of the amounts established in King James's time for the officers could be taken off; they thought it absolutely necessary that a sufficient number of engineers, bombardiers, &c. should be kept in constant pay, &c., and suggested that the officers governing the train might be chosen from such as had already salaries from the office; reminding their Lordships of the

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officers who had served well in Flanders, and further the ill state of the garrisons in England, and more particularly the docks at Portsmouth and Plymouth. Dated 25 Nov. 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 67, 1 Dec. 1697, is:—"The paper containing the demands of the ordnance is read. It is 26,000li for sea service & 78,000li for land service." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 27. 13. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. The King had signified his pleasure to them, to grant the forfeited estate of Dudley Bagnall, Esq. (of which Sir James Caldwell, Bart., had the *custodiam*) to the Marquis Puissar, after the expiration of the *custodiam;* transmitting the petition they had received from the said Sir James, for some other grant, in consideration thereof; and recommending him as well deserving the Royal favour. Dated 27 Nov. 1697.

Also the petition, in which he states his losses to have been above 10,000*l.* 2 *pages.*

Jan. 8 to Nov. 27. 14. A very imperfect collection of accounts of totals of customs received and payments made out of the same. The first is from the 8th of Jan. and the last extends to 27 Nov. 1697. 22 *large pages.*

Nov. 28. 15. Copy of two letters from William Holbech, Surveyor [of Taxes], the first addressed to Mr. Geo. Lloyd in Staverton, and the second to Mr. John Walsh, constable of Broxham. It lay in his (the writer's) power to be kind to the people of their parishes, and if those who were charged 6*s.* a piece in the lists subjoined, would send 2*s.* a piece, he would contrive to excuse them from the arrear. Dated 28 Nov. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 16. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Hodges, praying payment of several sums due to his late brother Col. Robert Hodges, amounting to 648*l.* 4*s.* 7½*d.* Dated 29 Nov. 1697.

Also the petition and an account of the state of the said debts. *Minuted:*—"100l." Letter signed 23 Feb. 1697–8.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 115, 23 Feb. 1697, is:—"Mr James Hodges to have 100li in part of 648. 4. 7½ due to him out of rent of hackney coaches." 4 *pages.*

July 13 to Nov. 29. 17. A collection of papers numbered 1 to 19 (Nos. 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, and 18 missing), consisting of memorial, reports, &c. relating to abuses in the Excise office, with an abstract of them entitled—"A deduction of the matters which have appeared to the Right Honoble the Lords Commrs of his Mats Treasury, in their enquiry made pursuant to his Mats commands, concerning the Excise; extracted from the several memorials and minutes in that behalfe."

These are accompanied by a very curious and somewhat amusing paper containing draft notes of what took place at the council, at which the King presided, on 29* Nov. 1697; giving the substance

* This is docquetted on 29 Nov. and so entered in the *Minute Book*, but it is headed 22 Nov.

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of the remarks made by the different speakers, on the subject of the abuses in the Commission of Excise.

[It is in Mr. Lowndes' hand] and is fairly entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 60. 72 *pages or parts of pages.*

Nov. 30. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the regulations practised in the office of Receiver General of the Customs, arranged under various heads; six out of the seven are minuted as "agreed;" enclosing a presentment by the said Com^rs^, dated 14 Aug. 1696, as to regulations proposed for the better security of the revenue. Dated 30 Nov. 1697.

Indorsed:—"W^t^ signed 12 March 1697–8." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 30. 19. Representation by the Com^rs^ for Sick and Wounded Seamen, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the pitiable condition of that service for want of money. Dated 30 Nov. 1697. 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 30.] 20. Petition of William Berriffe to the Lords of the Treasury, to be established a deputy to Mr. Johnson, who was lately appointed the King's land-waiter.

Also a certificate.

Docquetted:—"Ult. Nov. '97." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 21. Copy of the "Establishment for the pay of the King's standing forces and garrisons in the kingdom of Scotland, according to 336 days in the year, commencing 1 Jan. 1697–8. Dated 30 Nov. 1697. 6 *pages.*

[About Nov. 30.] 22. Petition of Charles Goreing, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying the remission of a forfeiture, for running a small quantity of wine, for his private use.

Minuted;—"Rec^d^ ult. Nov. '97. The soll^r^ of ye customes is to certifie how much ye King's part is, & for what goods and from whom." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Nov.] 23. Petition of the sorters and officers of the Penny Post Office. Their salaries were assessed to the aid of 4*s.* in the pound. The tax had been remitted to the clerks in the General Post Office; praying for the same favour.

Also a list of the officers whose salaries were under 60*l.* *per ann.*, together with the sums charged on them: certified 19 Nov. 1697.

Minuted;—"Granted." W^t^ signed 16 Feb^ry^ 1697–8. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 2. 24. Certificate of the Earl of Athlone, late governor of their Majesty's forces, that he, at the siege and surrender of Limerick, agreed with Col. Patrick Sarsfield, commonly called the Lord Lucan, that he should have liberty to send 300 tons of any French goods from France to Ireland, in the transport ships employed to carry Irish troops to France. Dated 2 Dec. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Dec. 4.] 25. Petition of John Anthony Lulin, merchant of Geneva, to the Lords of the Treasury. The petitioner had made several advances

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for the King's forces in Piedmont, under the command of Lord Gallway, and had paid 19,773 crowns $\frac{4}{5}$ths for clothing the forces, about the end of 1695 and the beginning of 1696; praying their Lordships to order the payment of 7,605*l.* out of the tallies in Sir Joseph Herne's hands, which sum the loan amounted to, the tallies being allowed at the rate of 35*l. per cent.* discount.

Copies of seven other documents relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 4 Xbr. '97. My Lords will lay this before y^e K. when my L^d Ran. is there."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 92, 12 Jan. 1697, is:—"Mons. Lulin's debt is to be paid out of the tallys in S^r Joseph Herne's hands, to wit, 5,000^li in tallys w^thout the interest." $5\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Dec. 4. 26. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Badham, late deputy chaplain to Brig^r Wyndham's regiment of horse; praying payment of 29*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* due to him in the said regiment. Dated 4 Dec. 1697.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"To be read when my L^d Ran. is here." 2 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 4.] 27. Petition of Stephen Hyde and three other porters for carrying money at the receipt of the Exchequer. By the payments made in Exchequer bills and malt tickets, they were deprived of their poor livelihood; but they performed other duties in the four tellers' offices, for which they had no allowance but the poor ancient one of 4*d. per diem:* praying an additional allowance.

Minuted:—"4 X^br '97. When the cash in the Exchequ^r comes to be all mony againe, lett them apply for the prejudice they shall have susteyned in the meane time." 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 28. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Walter Ralegh, praying payment of 121*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*, due to clear him as ensign and lieutenant in the first regiment of foot guards. Dated 6 Dec. 1697.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"13 Dec. '97. It cannot be done."

"4 Mar. '97. 50*l.* in pt."

"4 8br. 1698. My Lords will direct the rest of one yeares' clearing when they direct ye like for others." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 29. Letter from the Board of Green Cloth to the Lords of the Treasury, about the ordinary and extraordinary expense of the King's household for the years 1695, 1696, and 1697. Dated 6 Dec. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 30. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on Mr. Noell's account delivered to their Lordships, of fines in connection with the Excise. Dated 7 Dec. '97.

Minuted:—"11 Jan. '97. Read. To be considered." $3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

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1697. Dec. 7. 31. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the report of the Com^rs of Revenue and Forfeitures as to the value of the lands lately in *custodiam* to Mr. Danl. Wybrants, and in the Earl of Rochfort's lists; the Lord Rochfort being deficient of the grant directed to be passed to him. Dated 7 Dec. 1697.

The report, a list of the lands lately in *custodiam* to Lieut.-Gen. Talmash, and divers other papers relating to the same business. 17 *pages or parts of pages.*

[About Dec. 8.] 32. "The deplorable case and humble petition of D^r Titus Oates," addressed to the King; setting forth the various sufferings he had undergone, being convicted of perjury "(through ye partiall behaviour of y^e Chief Justice Jefferies, in browbeating" the petitioner's "witnesses, & misleading y^e jurys)" and "receiving this inhumane & unparaleled sentence (viz.), to pay 2,000 markes to y^e King, to be devested of his cannonical habit; to be brought into Westm^r Hall, w^t a paper upon his head, with this inscription:—Titus Oates convict upon full evidence of two horrid perjurys; to stand in & upon y^e pillory two several days, for y^e space of an hour; to be whipt by y^e common hangman from Allgate to Newgate, on Wensday; & Fryday following from Newgate to Tyburn; to stand in & upon y^e pillory five times every year of his life, & to remain a prisoner during life." He relates that he suffered some thousands of stripes and was ten weeks under the surgeon's hands, and when weak in bed some of the Popish party got into his chamber and attempted to pull off his plasters, and procured him to be loaded with irons of excessive weight for a year without intermission, when his legs were swollen with the gout, &c. The two houses of Parl^t restored his pension of 40*l.* a month, after he had been deprived of it nine years, which he enjoyed from 1689 to 1692, but it was then retrenched; he had run into debt 1,600*l.* on the strength of the King's promise, the 650*l.* which he had received he had paid to his creditors in part; he had afterwards incurred further debt, for which he was arrested, and must inevitably perish unless the King fulfilled his word. He had a poor aged mother to maintain, and his wife and family likely to be turned out of doors: praying for the arrears of his pension to discharge his debts, and for a restoration of the 40*l.* a month.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K.," and in another place "Read 8 Xbr. '97. 50*l.*"

[There is also the same minute in the *Minute Book* for that date, Vol. VIII., p. 72, and further at p. 206, 15 July 1698, is:—

"D^r Otes called in. My Lords tell him that pursuant to the King's comand, he is to have 500*l.* to pay his debts and 300*l.* *per annum* from Midsomer last during his & his wife's life out of the revenue of the Post Office, & he is to expect noe more out of secret service money.

"Ordered that the said pencon commence from Lady-day last." 1 *large page.* [*The signature cut away.*]

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Dec. 9. 33. An official letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty, for particular reasons, was pleased to order the payment of an old arrear of 350*l.* to Col. Maurice Hussey; commanding them to give the necessary directions. Dated 9 Dec. 1697.

Copy of three other documents relating to the Colonel.

Indorsed:—"W^t signed 15 Dec. 1697." 3½ *pages.*

[About Dec. 9.] 34. Petition of Edmund Hornby, gent., deputy clerk of the Crown for Lancashire. He went to Manchester to attend the prosecution of Lord Molinex and others for high treason, and executed the office of clerk of the Crown; praying to be satisfied for the same.

Rec^d 9 Dec. '97.

Minuted:—"27 June '99. My Lords have satisfied Aaron Smith." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 10. 35. Letter signed Sa. Story, who was an officer of the Excise Office, addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., asking for an allowance for two clerks for the malt and leather, as also for the salt duty. Dated 10 Dec. 1697.

Minuted:—"W^t sign'd 11^th Feb^ry 1697." 1 *page.*

Dec. 11. 36. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, asking their Lordships to recommend Mrs. Hamilton, widow of Col. Gustavus Hamilton, late governor of Enniskillen, to His Majesty as an object of compassion, her husband's estate being extended to creditors by reason of debts contracted in buying arms, and making other provision for the common safety of the Protestants at Enniskillen in the late rebellion; and the Irish Parliament having resolved that 600*l.* should be paid to her. Dated 11 Dec. 1697.

Also copy of the resolution. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 37. Letter from the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland, dated 11 Dec. 1697, to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting, (1) arrears on the civil and military lists; (2) respecting dispute between them and Mr. Naish, as contained in a paper enclosed, with this outside title:—"A coppy of M^r Naishes letter to the Lords of the Admiralty, dated at Corke, y^e 24^th June '97, refferred by the Lords of the Treãry to the Lords Justices of Ireland; together with their Exc̃ys reference to the Comiss^rs of the Revenue, and their report thereupon." relating to the cutting of timber in Ireland for Kinsale yard. And (3) respecting a ship load of wines and other goods run aground in the harbour of Waterford, on which there is also a separate paper, entitled:—"Memorial relateing to a French ship and goods seized at Waterford, layd before the King and Council by the Lords of the Admiralty, and referred to the Lords Justices of Ireland, &c." Dated 11 Dec. 1697. 7 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 14. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the copy of a letter relating to the goods which were saved out

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of the ship St. Christo, lately cast away near Rye; advising that they would not object to the re-shipment of the guns or any part of the cargo not intended to be sold here, without payment of duty. Dated 14 Dec. 1697.

Indorsed:—"W^{t} signed 17th Feb^{ry} 1697–8." 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 39. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a charge against James Smith, collector of the port of Chichester, of receiving money for licences and not returning an account thereof into the Exchequer; and as to his unprofitable management in that port, for which he had been suspended. Dated 14 Dec. 1697.

Also divers certificates, &c. relating to the affairs of the said Smith.

Minuted:—"Read at the Trear [Treasury] 3 Mar. '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 123, 3 March, is a long account of the hearing of this case, the conclusion of which is as follows:—

"The Com^{rs} lay ye stress on his deteyning ye K. m^{o} from the Exchequ^{r} longer then he should. They complaine ag^{t} him for being hard on the under-officers in sharing in their seizures. Several of the officers of Chichester certifie ye contrary. My Lords, for the reasons w^{ch} have appeared [to] them, will remove him from Chichester, where he has settled a correspondence prejudicial to the Revenue, but they will advise wth the Com^{rs} of Customes about employing him elsewhere." 28 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 40. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Bretton, Esq., customer of the port of Sandwich and members; recommending the continuance of his salary at 100*l.* a year. Dated 14 Dec. 1697.

Minuted:—"To continue for one year more."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 41. Balance sheet headed, "The acc^{t} for licencing hawkers and pedlers." Dated 15 Dec. 1697. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 42. Letter by direction of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending for the information of the Lords of the Treasury an extract from a letter of the Com^{rs} of Victualling as to the progress in providing victuals for the men for the following year. Dated 15 Dec. 1697.

Also the said extract. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 15. 43. Memorial of Mr. Dodington and Mr. Corbet, "instruments" to the Treasurer of the Navy, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the allowance to them was 800*l.* a year, out of which they paid 12 clerks, and they had also paid the whole tax thereon; praying for repayment of the taxes on the 800*l.* Dated 15 Dec 1697. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 16. 1. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell, for a reward for some gunpowder which she supplied at the hazard of her life, under the denomination of sugar, fruit, and other merchandise, to several garrisons there, in the late revolution; recommending her to the Royal favour. Dated 16 Dec. 1667.

Minuted:—"26 May '99. Ref. to L^ds^ Justices for a list of 150*l.* a year for her life."

The report of the Attorney General, the petition, and two affidavits relating thereto. 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About Dec. 16.] 2. The case of John Morton, who had lent old money at the receipt of the Exchequer, at the rate of 5*s.* 8*d.* per ounce, and was a loser to the extent of 4,456*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*, as appeared by the auditor's certificate: finishing with a hope that his case might be considered.

Also the certificate. Dated 16 Dec. 1697.

Minuted:—"My Lords will consider this." 1 *page.*

Dec. 20. 3. Great Wardrobe. A particular of several extraordinary provisions for His Majesty's service, since Mich. 1697.

The account includes furniture of various kinds, &c., for the King's lodgings at Newmarket, for Windsor, at the giving audience to ambassadors there, for goods bought for the Czar, &c. Dated 20 Dec. 1697. 4½ *pages.*

[?About Dec. 20.] 4. Petition of Phillip Packer, gent., addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, to be placed in his late father's employment, as usher to the receipt of the Exchequer.

Minuted:—"20^th^ Xbr. 1697. Read & rejected." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 5 and 6. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending (in order to be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury) the copy of a letter and other papers from the Navy Board as to several matters relating to the Victualling Office. Dated 23 Dec. '97.

Also the said papers. 12 *pages.*

Dec. 23. 7. Order in Council, referring the petition of Nicholas Estoll to the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury. The petitioner states that in the year 1665 he discovered a conspiracy to seize the King, the Tower, and other places of strength, to subvert the government, &c.; for which he had a pension of 50*l. per ann.* for life, which was then in arrear for three years, he being 78 and his wife 70 years of age, and prays for a continuation of the pension and payment of the arrears. Dated 23 Dec. 1697.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. 1698. My Lords are of opinion that there is no reason for continuance of this pension." 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 24. 8. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending copy of a letter from the Com^rs of Victualling, as to what progress was made for supply of provisions for the following year, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 24 Dec. '97.
Also the said copy. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 9. Petition of the brasiers, workers, and traders in copper, and the masters of the copper mills in and about the City of London, as to English and foreign copper, and more particularly as to foreign copper made into blanks, 40 tons of coarse Barbary copper having been bought up by persons who made the blanks, which was a great prejudice to trade and the copper manufacture; praying that orders might be given for preventing the use of any other than English copper for making farthings and halfpence. [With numerous signatures.]
Docquetted :—"24 Dec. '97." 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 10. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring they will move the King to give the necessary orders for the allowance of various sums, amounting to 1,116*l.* 6*s.* 6½*d.*, paid out of the forfeited rents by warrants from the chief governors of Ireland, by the Deputy Receiver General, which sums the Com^rs of accounts scrupled to allow. Dated 24 Dec. 1697.
Minuted :—"A warr^t as desired. Done."
Also a list of the payments. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 11. Wages due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office to clear the half year, from Lady-day 1697 to Michaelmas 1697, and the yeomen of the guard, to Christmas following. Also,
Arrears of wages due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office to Lady-day 1697, the rest of the servants having already received down to the said time. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 27. 12. Letter, signed "J. Ellis," addressed to Mr. Lowndes, asking him, on Mr. Secretary Vernon's behalf, to put the Lords of the Treasury in mind of a letter concerning the ship the "St. Christo," taken by a Dutch man-of-war near Carthagena, and cast away at Rye; the ambassador of the States General of the United Provinces pressing for an answer to it. Dated 27 Dec. 1697.
Minuted :—"To M^r Sec^y Vernon, acq^t the amb^r w^th it, and that by law my Lords can do no more than is proposed by ye C. of Cust^o."
Also the said letter, dated 10 Dec. 1697. 2 *pages.*

[?About Dec. 29.] 13. Memorial of Col. Richard Coote, as to the discharge of certain men (about 60 and 12 serjeants and 12 drummers) in the regiment under his command, to whom sea pay was due. He says he discharged such foreigners and Irish deserters as were taken in at Barcelona, together with old and infirm men.
Also a list of the names of the men and the allowance to each.
Minuted :—"Read 29 X^ber '97."

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 83, 29 December 1697, is:—"349li to be issued to ye E. of Ranelagh in new money to pay the arrears of Col. Coot's discharged men out of loans in genll." *5 pages.*

Dec. 30. 14. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the Comrs' of Revenue and Forfeitures report, as to forfeited estates in Ireland, which, together with that of Roger O'Shaghnussy, in the county of Galway, already granted to Thomas Prendergast, Esq., for his timely discovery of the late design against the Royal person, would amount to 500*l. per ann.*

The Lords Justices state that according to the enclosed report the clear yearly value of the O'Shaghnassy's estate, above quit rents and encumbrances, amounted to 493*l.* yearly; but Mr. Prendergast had endeavoured to set the same, and the highest proposal was but 2*s.* per acre, by which it would fall short 197*l.* 13*s.* of the 500*l. per ann.* It also alludes to further deficiencies. Dated 30 Dec. 1697.

Also the said report, but the list of lands not now with it. By which it appears that three separate lists to make up the deficiency were sent in by the said Prendergast of properties which together amounted to the value of 334*l.* 0*s.* 2½*d. per ann.*, and the Comrs state that all the estates were in His Majesty's disposal, but that the estate of Thady Callaghan had been already reported by them for Mrs. Wendesford, of Lawrence Kelly for Major-General Stewart, of Pierce Dillon for Brigadier O'Farrell (to whom it was granted in *custodiam* for two years), and of Thady Meagher for Brigadier O'Farrell and the Earl of Meath.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 96, on 19 Jan. 1697–8, is:—"Peticon of Capt. Thomas Prendergast read. The King saies he ought to have his 500li *per ann.* The warrant for Gustavus Hamilton is not to interfere with him. So much is to be conveyed to the petitioner of the lands in the lists as will make up his present grant." *6 pages.*

[? About Dec. 30.] 15. Petition of Hugh Rowley, of Calmore, Esq., to the King, entering somewhat into detail of his affairs, and further showing that the lands intended by the King for him were disposed of to the Earl of Rochford and Marquess of Pusier; praying that a commission might issue out of the Court of Chancery or Exchequer in Ireland, to inquire of the King's title to the lands and leases in the annexed list (which are for the most part concealments), and such other concealments as he should make discovery of; and that the King would grant as many of the lands to the petitioner as would amount to 300*l. per ann.*, &c. Undated, but see the next paper of 30 Dec. 1697.

Accompanied by the list and a certificate of the petitioner's services and sufferings in Ireland, having a note at the end, signed Israel Feilding, dated 12 Nov. 1697, as to the above certificate being to the best of his remembrance a correct copy; and further certifying that the said Rowley delivered the stores of war to his order, he being constituted storekeeper of Dublin and storekeeper general of Ireland, at the salaries of 100*l.* and 300*l. per ann.* 3½ *pages.*

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Dec. 30. 16. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Hugh Rowley, of Calmore, Esq., praying a grant of certain lands mentioned therein, in consideration of his services and losses in the late rebellion; reporting adversely to his claims, on account of his character, and the late Lord Capel having thought fit to remove him from the commission of the peace and his command in the militia. Dated 30 Dec. 1697.
Report of the Com^rs of Revenue thereon. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 31. 17. "An abstract of the deficiencies in His Majesty's supplies for the war, which have not been made good, and do therefore at this time occasion a debt in the respective offices." Dated ult. xbr. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 18. Letter of the Earl of Rochford to Master Secretary Lowndes. He was indisposed with the gout, and desired Mr. Lowndes to move the Lords of the Treasury that the papers that came lately out of Ireland on his (the Earl's) behalf might be laid before the King, &c. Dated the last of Dec. 1697.
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 97, 19 Jan. 1697–8, is:—
"Earle of Rochford's report is read. The King saies what His Ma^ty has given him ought to be made up." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 31. 19. Letter of the Committee of the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, giving the substance of a letter received by them from Sir William Beeston, His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica, as to his difficulty in the supply of the King's ships there, to extricate himself from which, he had called in 1,000*l.* of the subsistence money for the soldiers, and had applied it to victualling the ships. Dated 31 Dec. 1697. 1 *page.*

Jan. to Dec. 20. Reports to the Lords of the Treasury and other papers connected with the business of the Com^rs of Transportation, including estimates for provisions for soldiers, medicines, &c.
[Not thought worth individual descriptions.] 43 *pages.*

[?1697 or 1698.] 21. Representation of Edward Scarborough, collector of Customs at Liverpool, in answer to a memorial by Richard Ustick, who prayed to be put into that place, and stated that a grant of the collection had been made to him in 1694, and sought that Scarborough's accounts might be looked into, and that the damage received by His Majesty, through the marrying of Scarborough's daughter to a considerable merchant of that port, might be inquired into: assuring their Lordships they were groundless and malicious suggestions. Without date; but the affidavit annexed is dated 25 Dec. 1697. 2 *pages.*

1688 to 1697. 22. Eight papers, letter A to H, containing computations for land and sea service, and provision by Parliament for war. The first commences from 5 Nov. 1688, and the last is for the year 1697. 12 *pages or parts of pages.*

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1697. [? About 1696 or 1697.] 23. Petition of Percival Brunskell, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, "for a Com^rs place on ye law duty, or hackney coaches, or any other imploym^t" their Lordships thought fit. Without date; but ? 1696 or 1697, from mention of the laying on of the paper duty. 1 *page.*

1696 and 1697. 24. "A copy of several depositions, letters, and proceedings in relation to the privatere Day, harbour'd in Pensilvania *anno* 1696." Dated 1696 and 1697. 18 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

1697. 25. The answer of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England in a general court assembled, to the questions proposed by the Honourable Committee of the whole House of Commons.

The first question was:—

Whether the Bank could raise the sum of 2,564,000*l.* if the House thought fit to settle the duties on salt upon them?

The reply is to the effect that the Parliament had taken away the duty of tonnage, the duties on coals, &c., which were the funds for payment of money advanced by tallies, besides which the subjects paid their taxes in impaired and adulterated money, and the Bank on the pressing occasions of the Government advanced last year 800,000*l.* and upwards on Parliamentary funds, several of which were deficient and none yet paid, and therefore they could not at present raise the 2,564,000*l.*

The second question was:

Whether if the House should provide interest at 8*l. per cent.* for all tallies out upon the Parliamentary funds, and for the payment of the principals in a certain number of years, they were "willing to be grafted upon by subscriptions of the said tallies, with a proportion of their own bills?"

They answered that they rested assured the House of Commons would make no alteration of the present establishment of the Bank, but what was necessary for the public service, and for the restoration of credit, and not prejudicial to the proprietors. If the House enlarged the fund and corporation of the Bank, they would submit; so that such provisions were made as encouraged the Bank to accept new subscriptions, some of which provisions they subjoined.

Then follow 18 provisos. Without date; but the advance of 800,000*l.* was made in 1696, and this was a year after. 3 *pages.*

[1697.] 26. A list of the names of Commissioners for taking in the voluntary subscriptions which should be made into the Bank of England on or before 24 June 1697. 1 *page.*

1697. 27. Part of a series of enclosures to some other paper, relating to the mercantile affairs of the province of Maryland, amongst them is a list of the names of persons who had been impleaded for navigation bonds, &c. Also an address of the general assembly of Maryland in relation to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, and accounts of duty on tobacco. Dated in 1697.

They are numbered 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15, the others being wanting.

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1697. The following are descriptions of four of them, viz.:

Copy (numbered 6) of a loyal address to the King on the part of the burgesses, &c. of the province of Maryland, convened in a general assembly, under the governor, Francis Nicholson, Esq.; representing that the masters of ships trading to the province of Maryland had induced the inhabitants there to become their sureties, that they should deliver their tobacco, &c. as the Act of Navigation required, but having neglected to perform the condition of their bonds, they were forfeited: praying the royal mercy. Undated. Col. Francis Nicholson was Governor in 1694. *See State of England* for that year, p. 742.

Copies of various communications and proceedings relating to penal navigation bonds, which took place in the House of Burgesses, the council at the port of Annapolis, &c. 30 Sept. 1696 to 18 Feb. 1696–7. Marked No. 9.

"Maryland. An account of all fines and forfeitures ariseing & becoming due to his Majty in Petuxant district, within the said province, estreated to the 5th day of Aprill *anno domini* 1697, and collected by George Plater, collector and receiver of his Majtys dues within the said district." 5 April 1697. Marked No. 12.

"Maryland. The account of his Majties fines and forfeitures received by George Plater, receiver of his Majtys dues in Petuxant district. [Till 5 April '97.]

Also the sums for which he prayed allowance.

The account was sworn to, 2 July 1697. Marked No. 13. 24 *pages, some sewn consecutively.*

[?1697.] 28. Copies of various papers relating to the demands of the owners of the "Coronation" and the "England," frigates taken for their Majesties' service at Barbadoes in the year 1691. The last is dated in 1697. 6½ *pages.*

1697. 29. An account of the gross charge by duplicates for the subsidies for the year 1697. Showing the total against each county. 1 *large page.*

1697. 30. "An account of ye law proceedings concerneing ye duties of Excise & salt depending in Trinity terme, 1697."

Minuted:—"To be read when ye Commrs of Excise are here."

Against each person's name is a description of the proceedings that had been taken. 13½ *pages.*

[?1697.] 31. Petition of Richard Lyndon, a sworn clerk in the Exchequer and in the office of Mr. Auditor Beale, deceased, late one of the auditors of the prests, &c., complaining that he had served above 40 years in that office, and had instructed Mr. Auditor Done in the duties of the same, who had turned him off: praying for an order of restitution, together with his salary and fees according to articles made between them, making about 780*l.*, &c. Without date, but about the year 1697 by comparison with another paper received 19 May 1697 (Vol. XLV., 43). 1 *page.*

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[?1697.] 32. Printed form of an agreement to be made between the Lords Com^rs of the Treasury and such persons as were willing to advance money for the exchanging of bills, authorised to be issued at the Exchequer, for any sums not exceeding 1,500,000*l.*

Similar form as well for 1,200,000*l.* as for 1,500,000*l.*

Without date, but the Acts referred to in the papers were passed 8 & 9 Will. III. 6 *printed pages.*

[?1697.] 33. A paper *docquetted* :—"Complaints against the officers of the glass duty," as to the money matters of those officers.

Minuted :—"The Comm^rs to have a copy & make an answer in writing."

Without date, but it appears from the entries to have been drawn up in 1697. 1½ *pages.*

[?1697.] 34. Memorial of the officers of the Royal Regiment of Horse, to the Lords of the Treasury, asking that the 11,691*l.* 18*s.* due for the extraordinary allowance of 8*d.* a day to the non-commissioned officers and private horsemen might, on the issuing of Exchequer bills for the subsistence to the 1st of January last (1696–7) be ordered, to prevent the clamours of the innkeepers. Without date, but ?1697. 1 *page.*

[About 1697.] 35. Petition of William Gratwick, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, to the King. They had paid a debt on behalf of the Crown, amounting to 7,000*l.*, and the King had ordered the Lords of the Treasury on 16 April 1697, to find some employment for the "petitioner;" praying for the interest on the money or a pension to preserve them from want until the employment was found. 1 *page.*

[About 1697.] 36. Copy of the petition to the House of Commons of Sir Thomas Cooke, Knt., creditor of Sir John Friend, late of London, Knt., attainted and executed for high treason; showing that the petitioner was in danger of losing his debt of 3,000*l.* due from the said Sir John Friend, by a proposed grant of his estate, and praying their help.

[Copied from the entry book in Mr. Secretary Vernon's office]. Without date, but Sir J. Friend was forfeited in 1696. 1 *page.*

[?About 1697.] 37. "A brief prepared by counsel, to be improved at the execution of the inquisition for the King's title to several lands, lying within the county of Dublin, forfeited by the rebellion which began in 1641 and vested in his Ma^ty, his heirs and successors, in trust for adventurers, &c."

Docquetted :—"Coppy of a brief prepared by counsell against the executing a comission of inquiry for lands to be granted to John Blackwell, Sept. 15, 1693."

Transcribed May 29, 1697.

Accompanied by a petition of Lambert Blackwell, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for a grant of forfeited lands of the yearly value of 1,000*l.*, his father, the said John Blackwell, having had

1697. lands taken from him in 1660, and having granted the reprisals to the petitioner.

Also copy of a warrant in favour of the said John Blackwell, &c. Dated 4 May 1693. 6 *pages.*

[Probably 1697.] 38. Petition of Major-General Leveson, to the King, for the bestowal on him of such part of the debt of the deceased sub-collector of tenths of the Clergy, in the diocese of Norwich, as the King thought fit. Without date, but the tenths were collected up to Christmas 1696. 1 *page.*

1697. 39. Petition of Sir James Caldwell, Baronet, to the King. In April 1696 the King, in consideration of the sufferings and losses of the petitioner, in his service in Ireland, granted him a *custodiam* of the forfeited estate of Dudley Bagnall, Esq., of about 900*l. per ann.*; the estate is charged with the payment of 400*l. per ann.* to Mrs. Bagnall, and 100*l. per ann.* to Sir James Clifton, &c.; the petitioner has petitioned for a continuance of the estate, with what addition the King may be pleased to grant; the petitioner is informed Mr. Piszars has the reversion of the estate, &c.; the petitioner is of opinion that the King intends at least the continuance of the estate to him, who has spent in his Majesty's service to the value of 10,000*l.*; praying their "Lordships" will stop Mr. Piszar's order, till his Majesty's further pleasure is known.

Accompanying is a letter signed E. Caldwell, begging that a *caveat* might be entered, on his father's behalf, against Mr. Piszar, that his letter might be stopped till the King's further pleasure were known.

Undated, but A.D. 1697. Compare the paper 28 April 1697, Vol. XLIV., No. 71. 3 *pages.*

[?1697.] 40. The case of Captain Crawford, Lieut.-Governor of "your Majesty's Fort of Sheerness," praying that he might have such an addition to his pay, as would make it up to 300*l.* a year, as other Lieut.-Governors had, whose companies were disbanded.

Referred to Lord Ranelagh for his report.

Undated; the petition was delivered by Admiral Russell (probably before he was made Earl of Orford, which was in 1697), and the disbanding of the army was in 1697. 2 *leaves* (*quarto*).

[?1697.] 41. A paper containing memoranda in respect of the army, headed:—

"Difference between the late and the present new establishment."

Undated, but by comparison with the note in *Rapin*, Vol. III., p. 368, it would seem to be in 1697. 1 *page.*

[?1697.] 42. "A [printed] list of all the land forces intended to be kept up in England, and not disbanded, pursuant to his Majesty's proclamation."

Undated, but most likely 1697, by comparison with *Rapin*, Vol. III., p. 368. 1 *page* (*printed*).

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[?1697 or 1698.] 43. Memorial of the Commissioners of the Malt Lottery to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that they were allowed but half the reward given them, for the management of the Million Lottery; setting out what their services had been, and pressing upon their Lordships that the unsuccessfulness of the affair ought to be no argument against their services; the poorness of the mine affording no pretence against the payment of the labourers.

Minuted:—"Adhere to y^e former resolucon."

Undated, but this duty was to be managed by the Com^rs of Excise. See *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 121, 16 April 1697. In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 103, 2 Feb. 1697–8, is:—"The Com^rs of ye Mault Lottery Tickets to have 100*l.* a piece." 1 *page.*

[?1697 or 1698.] 44. The case of Thomas Cobb, late Receiver-General for the county and town and county of Southampton; viz. as to the duplicate of the fourth 4*s.* aid, wanted in the Exchequer, the production of which the Com^rs of the town had eluded, and without which he could not pass his account; praying a stop to be put to the process against him till next term, &c. Without date, but ?about 1697 or 1698. (The 4th 4*s.* aid granted 7 & 8 W. and Mar.). 1 *page.*

[?1697 or 1698 or later.] 45. A paper *docquetted:*—"M^r Everard's answer to Sir John Foches* paper," which charged him with disaffection to the Government, and the charges are here answered *seriatim.* Without date, by reference to the "Association" it was after 1696. 6½ *pages.*

[?About 1697.] 46. Petition of Charles Gregory, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be appointed as a tide surveyor in the port of London, if they should not restore Mr. Crouch, who was suspended; with a certificate added in his favour, signed by Edward Clarke, mayor, and others. Undated, but Edw. Clarke was mayor in 1697. 1 *page, decayed at the left hand.*

[?1697.] 47. Memoranda made by Mr. Walker, who was desirous of obtaining a grant of lands in Ireland, belonging to Charles Geohagan's estate, mentioned in Col. Hamilton's list of lands; which lands Mr. Walker was recommended for, by the Lords Justices of Ireland.

The Lord Chancellor Methen [or Methuen] would speak to the King and the Lords of the Treasury, and Mr. Bowyer, agent to Lord Galway, would wait on them. If the King disposed of it otherwise, he says, "let my Lord Chancellor move that I may have some yearly pention according to my first report from Ireland," &c. At the foot are the precise addresses of Lord Chancellor Methuen, and Mr. Bowyer. Undated, but ?1697. Methuen was the Lord Chancellor and during the life of the King. 1 *page.*

[?1697.] 48. Petition on the part of Mr. Lansdowne and Mr. Long, to the Lords of the Treasury, for their case to be heard, in relation to

* Sir John Foche was a Com^r of Excise. See *Minute Book*, 19 May 1698, Vol. VIII., p. 172.

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1697. the obtaining a grant of coal mines in Somersetshire. Undated, but ? the end of 1697; the 11 of Dec. 1697 is mentioned as the day when the hearing did *not* come on. ½ *page.*

[? 1697.] 49. Representation by the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, of the case of the officers employed under them whose salaries were under 100*l.* a year, with a view to the repayment of the subsidy to them.

Undated, but probably 1697, as there is a similar one in April 1696 (Vol. XXXVII., 44), and from reference to a previous warrant of 30 July 1696. 1 *page.*

Minuted:—" W^t^ signed."

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1697–8. Jan. 1. 1. Petition of the inhabitants of the corporation of Walden in the county of Essex. An extraordinary breach in the bank had happened near Audley End mill standing between the parishes of Walden and Littlebury, the flood-gates and bridges having been blown up. The inhabitants had also lain under a long and grievous sickness; praying that the repairs necessary might be done. Dated 1 Jan. 1697–8.

Accompanied by "an estimate of repayres needfulle to be done on the river at his Maj^s^ house at Audley End." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 2. Report of Sir Robert Cotton, Knt., and Sir Thomas Frankland, Bart., Postmasters-general, on the petition of Thomas Langley to the King; acquainting the Lords of the Treasury that there was no vacancy for a manager of the King's packet boats at Harwich, as was set forth in the petition, but they had had some thoughts of removing Mr. Edisbury from thence to Dover; the King, however, thinking it for his service that Mr. Mackie should be employed at Dover, he was placed there and Mr. Edisbury continued at Harwich. Dated 1 Jan. 1697–8.

Also the petition.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII, p. 165, 11 May 1698, is:—

"The report about Harwich packet boats is read & approved." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 3. Letter signed Basill Dixwell, to the Lords [of the Treasury], begging to add to the minutes of their report that the lieutenancy of Dover castle was a government of great jurisdiction and power, and the expenses not to be supported without much more charge than at the present profits; in consideration of which the King granted some addition thereto in the last year out of the revenues of Ryegate, which was subsequently defeated by the Lord Chancellor:

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seeking for the settlement of a sufficient additional establishment for the support of that government, and that he might be reimbursed his charges. Dated 1 Jan. 1697–8.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 92, 12 Jan. 1697, is:—

"The 160 a year to the Constable of Dover castle & Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and 50li a year to Sr Basil Dixwell (for wch he had a privy seal), wth the arrears thereof, are to be placed on the establishmt of the forces." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Dec. 30, 1697 and Jan. 3, 1697–8. 4. Two letters signed Geo. Tollett, to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary of the Lords of the Treasury. Certain bills of exchange were drawn by the collector of customs at Whitehaven and accepted by his father, and being payable in London by Exchequer bills, they were a loss to the King at least of seven *per cent.* Dated 30 Dec. 1697 and 3 Jan. 1697–8.

Minuted:—"My Lords will speak wth the Comrs of ye Customes about this. Read 3 Mar. '97." 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Jan. 4. 5. Memorial of the Trustees for the exchange of Exchequer bills, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the state of the cash and bills, and asking for the payment of the tradesmen's bills for repairing and fitting up the trustees office. [This is *minuted*:—"To be pd to ye works out of malt ticqs."] Further that their Lordships would sign the third contract; that their Lordships would direct that the annexed advertisement, for calling in the first payment on the third contract should be inserted in the Gazette [*minuted:*—"Agreed."]; that 69,962*l.* ordered by their Lordships had been paid; they desired the payment of the discount 2,707*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, to complete that sum [*minuted:*—"To be pd out of loans on the Exchequr in genll by bills."]; that the Exchequer bills chargeable on the trustees to 31 Dec. amounted to 1,505,940*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, and that they were of opinion the credit of the Exchequer bills must be supported by a fourth subscription.

The paper ends with a notice given by the Lords of the Treasury to the contractors upon a third contract, to advance money for exchanging Exchequer bills, viz., that they should pay to Francis Eyles, Esq., and others, trustees appointed to manage the affair, the first payment, viz., a fourth part. Dated 4 Jan. 1697–8.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 107, 9 Feb. 1697–8, is:—"Trustees for Exchequr bills. Their meml read, ye Minutes upon it." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 5. 6. Letter signed J. Ellis, by direction of Mr. Secretary Vernon, to Mr. Lowndes, concerning a prize ship at Rye, about which the Ambassador of the States General was pressing for an answer, desiring the secretary to move the Lords of the Treasury thereon; further, the King intended "to add to his present of the Countesse of Kent's powder for the Queen of Sweden a quantity of Godard's drops to the value of sixty pounds," &c. Dated 5 Jan. 1698–7 [*sic*].

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 130, 15 March 1697, is:—"60li to Mr. Hume for Godard's drops for ye Qu. of Sweden."

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And again at p. 138, 5 April 1698 :—" 500li sec. service & 60li for Godard's drops for Qu. of Sweden are to be issued out of loans for ye civil list." 1 *page.*

Jan. 8. 7. Letter from Sir Henry Ashurst to the Lords of the Treasury. 3,000*l.* and not 4,000*l.* were paid to him in Exchequer bills, for which their Lordships ordered him to pay Col. Gibson on his arrival in New England, or the commander-in-chief for Newfoundland, 4,000*l.* Upon receipt of the Exchequer bills, he was forced to turn them into money, the lowest discount being then 6*l.* 15*s. per cent.* To prevent disappointment, he provided for the discharge of the whole sum, but the ships were detained by contrary winds, and waited to accompany the Earl of Bellomont so long, that it was impossible to have any account from New England, what credit had been given Col. Gibson's order. The Lords of Trade acquainted the government of New England of the intended expedition of Col. Gibson, whereupon they ordered an "imbargo" to be laid on all provisions, that there might be no disappointment. He hoped their Lordships would consider the matter when he came to account with them. After their sessions for the peace was over, he would hasten to wait on their Lordships. Dated 8 Jan. 1697-8.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 255, 7 Oct. 1698, is :—

" Sr Henry Ashurst & Mr Clerke, my Lords agree that Sr Henry Ashurst, paying to Mr Clerk 594. 8. 6., pursuant to their Lops warrt of 21 7br last, shalbe allow'd the remainder of ye sum of 3,000li, wch was putt into his hands, being about 170l." 1½ *pages.*

Jan 10. 8. Letter by direction of the Comrs of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a copy of a letter received by them from the Comrs of Victualling, giving an account of their want of money, particularly for the supply of the squadron designed for the Straights; to the end that the squadron should not be detained. Dated 10 Jan. '97–8.

Minuted :—" Read."

The Minute in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 88, 10 Jan. 1697–8, shows nothing more.

Accompanied by the said copy. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 9. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, offering for consideration the states of the cash and Exchequer bills, representing the difficulty attending the credit of the Exchequer bills which required a speedy remedy, as the consequences might be very fatal to the management, the Exchequer, and the public credit. If these specie bills were not punctually paid as they had hitherto been, such a defect would shake the whole credit of the nation. The specie money in the hands of the trustees on the 8th instant, amounted to no more than 27,000*l.*, which would not answer four days demands in case the money on the third contract were not paid. The Exchequer bills paid and payable by the trustees to 7 Jan., amounted to

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1,522,195*l.* 3*s.* 2¾*d.*, &c. The whole subscription, if the last payment were complied with, would be exhausted in less than 20 days; so that their opinion was, that the credit of the specie Exchequer bills would entirely sink unless supported by a fourth subscription immediately; their opinion was, that the third subscription would not generally be complied with, and a fourth could not be obtained without new funds. The discount on the bills had risen to nine *per cent.*, and likely to rise higher.

The trustees also sent a list of such as had not complied with any of their payments on the second contract. Dated 10 Jan. 1697–8. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 11. 10. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. There were 1,500*l.* in the hands of the Receiver-General in old hammered money returned to him in specie from the outports; moving their Lordships that he might be directed to carry the same into the Mint to be changed, instead of paying it into the Exchequer, and that the deficiency might be allowed him, Dated 11 Jan. 1697–8.

Minuted:—"A warr^t^ to carry this m^o^ to ye Tower, & to allow ye deficiency, as was done in case of excise." 1 *page.*

Jan. 11. 11. Letter signed "R. Hutchinson," to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for directions from their Lordships, whether the sum of 4,583*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* paid to him by the collectors of the country should be paid by him into the Exchequer in the said specie or sent to the Mint first. Dated 11 Jan. 1697–8.

Also a schedule of the sums so received. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Jan. 11. 12. Report of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills, on the question submitted to them how the credit of Exchequer bills might be continued and supported, and how a further subscription might be obtained, for advancing money for the exchange of the bills, as they should be paid in to the receivers for revenues and taxes; containing various computations in relation to the revenue. Dated 11 Jan. 1697. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 13. Report of Robt. Hewitt, D. Auditor, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Fortescue, touching a rent issuing out of the manor of Tattershall in the county of Lincoln, certifying that he found that several rents belonging to the late college of Tattershall, which were part of the Queen Mother's jointure, were unsold, and not put in charge to the King's receiver since Her Majesty's decease, and he surcharged the same; and amongst the rest the above rent of 40*s.*, and that it does not appear that it is sold to the Duke of Leeds. Dated 12 Jan. 1697.

Minuted:—"28 June 1699. Let this report be showne to M^r^ Fortescue, and the auditor directed to give y^e^ rent in charge to the rec^r^."

Also the petition, signed "Fortescue," as to the payment of the rent. 2 *pages.*

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Jan. 13. 14. Report of Mr. Wm. Aldworth to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth abstracts of the several grants of lands made by the late King James to his Queen after his accession to the Crown. Dated 13 Jan. 1697.

Accompanied by the abstracts. 6 *pages.*

Jan. 13. 15. Representation by the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, that Captain Norris, late commander-in-chief of the King's ships in "the Newfoundland," brought an account of provisions furnished to the King's ships in that place, amounting to 1,447*l.* 14*s.* 0¼*d.*; tendering the copy of the account, and the valuation of the provisions which were taken as prize: if their Lordships thought fit to pay for the same, they asked them to appoint the money; they had also presented a similar memorial to the Lords of the Admiralty, on which they had received orders for payment. Dated 13 Jan. 1697–8.

The copy of account referred to.

A letter from them to Mr. Lowndes on the same subject.

Another representation, referring to a memorial touching provisions bought in Ireland by the Lords Justices' direction, amounting to 8,322*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*, for which salt tallies were ordered to be paid, with an allowance of 15 *per cent.*; 1,000*l.* of the debt had been paid to Lord Coningsby and Mr. Fox; and Mr. Pauncefort, in whose hands the bills were, refused to make an allowance of 10 *per cent.* on the whole, and they prayed their Lordships' directions.

Also copies of two other letters, *docquetted*:—"Copy of the orders for payment of 1,447*l.* 14. to Capt. Norris, for provis. supplied at Newfoundland."

Minuted:—"Lre signed 2d March 1697–8."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 122, 2 March 1697, is the following:—"1,447li 14. 0¼. of the salt tallys in the Victrs hands at par, to be applyed to dischª so much due to Capt. Norris, for provisions botᵗ of him for service of the squadron wch was at Newfoundland." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 16. Representation of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to consider the absolute necessities of the people, especially at this juncture, when so many poor creatures lay upon their hands with lingering distempers, and the people that should help them utterly disabled for want of money. Dated 14 Jan. 1697–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 17. 17. Letter of Mr. James Vernon [Secretary of State], to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an allowance to be made to Owen Banahan and John Inwood, who had done service to the King as evidences in convicting and outlawing several considerable persons, who had been and were then in France; recommending them to their Lordships for some allowance for subsistence. Dated 17 Jan. 1697. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Jan. 19. 18. Report of Lord Ranelagh, paymaster, on the petition of Robert Blake, praying payment of the arrears due to him as chaplain to Col. Howe's regiment, to enable him to proceed in a suit at law in vindication of the King's title to a living to which he had been presented by the Lord Chancellor, certifying that 133*l.* 16*s.* were due to him. Dated 19 Jan. 1697. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"28 Jan. 1697–8, out of hackney coach-mo[ney.]"

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 101, is:—"Rob[t] Blake to be p[d] 133. 16. 0. out of hackney coach mo[ney]." 2 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 19.] 19. Petition of several merchants and others concerned in clothing the army, showing that before they contracted they were assured by their Lordships that they should be paid the off-reckonings out of some good funds, to be given by Parliament; but they only received two-fifths of the off-reckonings for the year 1695, in May 1696; the other three-fifths, and the whole of the reckonings for 1696, being postponed till March '96–7; they then set forth their inability to carry on the clothing of the army for 1697 without assistance, there being 300,000*l.* arrears: whereupon they were ordered salt tallies to that amount, and they were the only persons who did not receive an allowance therewith from 15 to 25 *per cent.*; praying for relief.

There is a memorandum on the dorse, "See the M. 19 Jan. '97;" also this minute:—"If they have good funds for 1697, that will recompense them, if they should have remote funds they may have some allowance. At present the King does not thinke it reasonable to order anything."

[The entry in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 96, is to the same effect.] 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 19.] 20. Petition of Lewis Gervaize, merchant, to be made one of the Com[rs] of the Excise, "as a reward & encouragement to improve his skill in contriving ways agreeable to the Parliament, to acquit the arrears of the warr;" also proposing a new method "by which land taxes might be justly gathered without violence, and England know his own strength, and also how part of that taxe will cause six millions to be voluntarily advanced this year, and the same and interest gradually repayd, in few yeares."

Also copy of a Treasury minute of 4 Jan. 1694 in his favour, and copy of another petition from him presented in June 1697.

Minuted:—"To be heard."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 97, 19 Jan. 1697, is:—"Mons. Gervaise's petition read. My Lords are to hear him." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 21. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. They had received instructions to pay to Col. Maurice Hussey, 350*l.*, on a pension granted in 1672; they represent that the money lately granted by Parliament was appropriated for the arrears on the civil and military lists, and desire the matter might be represented to the King before they issued their orders on the letter received. Dated 20 Jan. 1697–8. 1 *page* (*decayed*).

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Jan. 24. 22. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, sending copies of two letters received from the Com^rs of Victualling, giving an account of the want of money for that service, that directions might be given. Dated 24 Jan. 1697–8.
Minuted:—"Read 26 Jan^ry '97."
Accompanied by the two copies. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 23. Letter signed Tho. Hooke, to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., as to the satisfaction by Mr. Doddington of a debt of 146*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* due to Mr. Gore, for money stopped 15 years before from the seamen by Capt. Shales, paymaster of the "Lord Faulkland." Dated 24 Jan. '97. 1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 24. Report of the Com^rs of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Clayton in relation to a debt for which he and his mother had given security. The Com^rs were informed that they had real estate in Nottinghamshire, but it could not be found, and they advise that the debt ought not to be remitted. Dated 24 Jan. 1697.
Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 25. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Various regiments had lately arrived, and they had received no establishment for them; they desire their Lordships to move the King for the necessary authority for paying the same. Dated 25 Jan. 1697–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 26. Letter signed "W. Popple," to Mr. Lowndes, intimating the desire of the Com^rs of the Council of Trade, that the Lords of the Treasury should allow 15*l.* or thereabouts to Mr. Charles Story, who had been sent by the Lieut.-Governor of New Hampshire with an account of some disorders in that province; also their further desire that another 150*l.* should be ordered them for the business of the commission. Dated 26 Jan. 1697–8. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 27. 27. Report signed Richard Taylor, addressed to the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills. According to their order, he had continued his inspection of Exchequer bills, and few days had passed without more or less of bills with fictitious indorsements (part of the parcels mentioned in his former reports to be issued to Mr. Knight, Mr. Burton, and Mr. Marriot,) coming to his hands; describing more particularly what they were. Dated 27 Jan. 1697.
Also copies of the reports referred to, and copy of another report, *docquetted:*—"M^r Taylor's report d^d to y^e Secretary, April 19^th 1697." 19 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Jan. 29. 28. Letter signed "John Blackler," addressed to Sir Thomas Lit[t]leton, Bart., as to certain lottery tickets sent by the former to Mr. Packer, who was answerable for their repayment. Dated 29 Jan. 1697–8. 1 *page.*

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Jan. 29. 29. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending Robert Rochfort, Esq., Speaker of the House of Commons in Ireland, to the royal favour, he being anxious to obtain a grant of some forfeited estates. Dated 29 Jan. 1697–8.
Also his petition. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 30. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, by the King's command, sending the petition of Capt. Richard Long, commander of the King's ship Rupert, prize, signifying his pleasure that their Lordships should enable him to perform his voyage (to America) as he desired. Dated 31 Jan. 1697–8.
Minuted:—"50^{li} in lottery ticq^{ts}, and [to] have nothing more."
Also the petition, in which he states it was absolutely necessary to fit out such artists in metals as he had contracted with, to go with him, and to buy quicksilver and other utensils and other necessaries, also some cloth and ironwork to gratify the natives. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 1. 31. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs [to the Lords of the Treasury], on the petition of Thomas Pitt, Esq. The petitioner had made oath to the truth of his allegations, and so they conceived the matter therein was part of the case mentioned in their report of 12 May last. Dated 1 Feb. 1697–8.
Accompanied by the petition and copy of the report referred to. The case related to certain muslin neck-cloths, seized by the officers of Customs, for which a *noli prosequi* was asked.
Minuted:—"Agreed. W^{t} signed 4th Feb. '97–8." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 32. Representation of the victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury. 10,000*l.* only had been assigned in Exchequer bills since 17 Nov.; the season for providing flesh was far advanced, and the person who had agreed to supply hogs, refused to proceed further without money; upwards of 6,000*l.* would be required to pay the pursers for the ships, for the Mediterranean, Turkey, and the West Indies, for their "necessary money and short beer, &c.;" there were several bills of exchange drawn from Portugal and Ireland, due and protested; the number of men in petty warrant at Chatham was great, and there were many ships at Plymouth and Portsmouth, whose complements of men must be kept in victuals, till they were paid off, and that could not be done without money; they were extremely pressed for short allowance money, and the men were very mutinous and threatened to kill the pursers; and the course of payment was near six months in arrear, so that little provision could be procured on credit, "especially considering the present extraordinary dearnes of corne and all other species;" praying that moneys might be assigned them. Dated 2 Feb. 1697–8.
Minuted:—"Read 2 Feb. '97."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 108, 11 Feb. 1697–8, is:—"6,000^{li} in bills of y^{e} loan for y^{e} vict', viz^{t}, 4,000^{l} for course & 2,000^{li} for imprests." 1 *page.*

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Feb. 2. 33. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, laying various matters before the Lords of the Treasury, viz., about the contract for the fourth subscription [*minuted*:—"Mr Herne to ingrosse it wth a blank for ye p̃mium"]; the making out new bills in place of those with fictitious and irregular indorsements [*minuted*:—"A warrant pursuant to ye Act for those filled up"]; about their salaries [*minuted*:—"A warrant]; about 2,469*l.* 14*s.* 3½*d.* to complete 69,962*l.* for the 10 *per cent.* allowance on the second contract [*minuted*:—"Order'd out of ye loans at ye Exchequr"]. Also 51,772*l.* on the third contract; the duty on malt, after the tallies for 200,000*l.* should be cleared, was to be applied to pay off the malt tickets, and not to cancel the Exchequer bills, as most people expected, which had caused the discount on them to rise 3 *per cent.*; viz., to 8 *per cent.*, and if it rose, there would be no further subscription, and the credit of those bills would cease. Dated 2 Feb. 1697–8. 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 3. 34. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of the continuance of the pension of 200*l.* *per annum* to Mr. Charles Hubblethorne and his mother. The father of Mr. Charles Hubblethorne was slain at sea, and he was himself wounded in the first siege of Limerick. Dated 3 Feb. 1697–8.

Report of the Auditor-General on the same, and the petition. 5½ *pages.*

Feb. 3. 35. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Major William Steuart, in behalf of himself and other captains of Major-General Steuart's regiment of foot; praying for an order for 171*l.* 10*s.*, &c. in payment for certain clipt money: certifying that several regiments lay under the same difficulty: submitting the case to their Lordships. Dated 3 Feb. 1697–8. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"Major & agent to be spoke wth & Mr Abbot."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 128, 11 March 1697, is:—"123li in Exchequr bills for Majr Stuart on a contingent warrant." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 36. Letter signed James Zouch, concerning 300*l.* paid into the Exchequer by his deceased wife, upon the third 4*s.* aid, the tally for which had been fraudulently abstracted and paid to a wrong person. He had given a warrant of attorney to authorise the payment, which the Treasury would not credit, but would have him come to town; seeking that it might be paid on that warrant and on this letter, as the air of the town was always very injurious to him and put him out of order. Dated 4 Feb. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Feb. 1697. My Lords leave this matter to be decided at law." 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 37. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes, reminding him of previous letters about the supply of provisions, enclosing an extract from one received from Plymouth

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and observing that the season of killing and curing flesh being so far advanced, it was absolutely necessary provision should forthwith be made for supply of the fleet. Dated 7 Feb. 1697–8.
Minuted:—"Read 9 Feb. '97."
Accompanied by the extract. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 7. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Mockford, an officer of the Customs at Faversham, certifying that he was carried into France at the same time that William Fowler was, of whom a report had already been made (a copy of which is annexed) and that it was testified in the petitioner's affidavit, that he was confined in a noisome prison, and endured very barbarous usage for 10 months, before he was exchanged; in which time it cost him 35*l.*; leaving it to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 7 Feb. 1697.
Minuted:—"To have 20^li."
The petition and an affidavit, also the copy of the report above alluded to. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 39. Letter from Mr. Secretary Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, conveying the King's commands for the allowance of the prison keepers' charges for keeping several persons who came from France and Flanders without passes from the King or his ministers, and who were for that reason committed to gaol by the Mayor of Dover; enclosing a particular of the prison dues. Dated 7 Feb. 1697–8.
Minuted:—"To be p^d." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 40. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Walter Middleton, Esq., customer and collector of the port of Milford; recommending that he should be allowed 35*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* in his account of prizes, that sum having been paid by him as duty on certain Newfoundland cod-fish when they ought to have been passed duty free. Dated 8 Feb. 1697–8.
Minuted:—"A warr^t to y^e Com^rs of prizes for this."
The petition and two certificates. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 41. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a petition of Abraham Sweet (to whom the King had given 50*l.* to pay his debts), that the necessary orders might be given thereon. Dated 10 Feb. 1697–8.
The petition not now with it. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 10. 42. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting the state of accounts of cash and bills; the trustees had examined Mr. Richard Blake on an information he delivered in to their Lordships against Mr. Andrew Huddlestone, for buying up Exchequer bills. There appeared strong presumption that he did buy them up with design to pay them into the Exchequer for taxes, &c.; they sent an abstract of the second subscription; they asked for 2,469*l.* 14*s.* 3½*d.* to complete 69,962*l.*

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for the 10 *per cent.* allowance on the second contract [*minuted:*—"To be paid out of loan bills"]; they further asked how the 1,365*l.* due to the trustees, &c. were to be paid [*minuted:*—"To be paid in mault tiq[ts]"]; 1,647,902*l.* 6*s.* 10¼*d.* were charged upon the trustees, and 1,644,340*l.* were subscribed to be advanced for circulation; 177,905*l.* were already brought in on the third contract; the whole sum 517,720*l.* subscribed on the third contract would be exchanged by 16 April, if the bills were supported by a fourth subscription. There was an absolute necessity to open the Rolls immediately for a fourth subscription, or the credit of the specie Exchequer bills would sink, &c. Dated 10 Feb. 1697–8. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 11. 43. Report of the Com[rs] of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Whitwell, of Oundle, in the county of Northampton, gent., as to the penalty of 50*l.* incurred by the delivery of certain malt without making entry; advising, that on payment of the duty for such malt as he had in custody on 20 April last, and on payment of the officers charges, no further prosecution should ensue. Dated 11 Feb. 1697.

Accompanied by the petition and four other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Granted. W[t] signed 15 Feb. 1697–8." 8 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 14. 44. Copy of letter of the Com[rs] of Customs to Mr. Walford, [collector of Sandwich]. Mr. Jeoffrey Hafford, by direction of the Lords of the Treasury, had been lately established a riding surveyor on that coast, and they discontinued the 25*l. per ann.* paid by incidents to Michael Wells, deputy to the patent officer, for keeping a horse and visiting the isle of Thanet; directing him to pay 10*l. per ann.* to Mr. Fisher, the land-waiter at Sandwich, to keep a horse and assist Mr. Ha[f]ford for the guard of the island, and 10*l. per ann.* to Glover, the officer at Broadstairs. Dated 14 Feb. 1697–8. 1 *page.*

Feb. 15. 45. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking to obtain the King's particular direction for the issue of 25,000*l.* for the building of barracks in Ireland. Dated 15 Feb. 1697–8.

W[t] signed 16 March 1697–8. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 15. 46. Letter, signed by Geo. Dodington and A. Corbet, to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the issue for the service of the navy of 8,000*l.* on the credit of the Exchequer, for which but 7,600*l.* had been paid in specie; also 13,650*l.* Exchequer bills had been exchanged for specie at an allowance of 5*l. per cent.* Desiring him to move their Lordships to order the Com[rs] of the Navy to make good the deficiency. Dated 15 Feb. 1697–8.

Also a memorandum, signed "Lionel Herne," on the same subject.

Indorsed:—"Letter signed 16 Mar. '97–8." 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 15. 47. Report from the Lords Justices of Ireland and the Com^rs of the Revenue, upon the petition of John Ellis, Esq., praying a grant of His Majesty's title to his brother William Ellis's estate in Ireland. Dated 15 Feb. 1697–8.

Also the petition and copy of a bond, together with a survey or valuation of the property.

Minuted:—"My Lords to examine this; if y^e debt be reall the K. is inclined to allow it out of the estate."

Further down:—"Granted." 8½ *pages.*

Feb. 16. 48. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, by command of the King, transmitting a petition of John Lunt and George Wilson, in relation to the debt due to them for their services. Dated 16 Feb. 1697–8.

Minuted:—"Read 2 March 1697 at the Treasury. My Lords will continue to pay the pencon, but do not think fitt to pay any thing for their debts."

Also the petition. 2 *pages* (*one quarto*).

Feb. 16. 49. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Webb. The agent of the regiment had entered several sums on account of subsistence, amounting to 1,037*l.*, which their Lordships had not enabled him to pay, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1697. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"Read 1 Mar. '97."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 128, 11 Mar. 1697–8, is this minute:—

"500^li for Coll^o Webb, on acc^t of his subsist^ce in Flanders, to make him equall w^th other collo[nels ?], out of Exchequ^r bills." 1 *page.*

Feb. 17. 50. Order in Council, on the petition of John Tyzack, praying the King's grant of one-third of such moneys and goods as he should discover to have belonged to the pirates that were executed for Avery's piracy, which were concealed from the Crown; recommending the Lords of the Treasury to allow him such portion of the effects as they should judge fit. Dated 17 Feb. 1697.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"12 June '99. To be allowed ⅓^d, he bearing the charge of y^e recovery." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 51. Another Order in Council on the accompanying representation of the Council of Trade, which showed the discouragements and difficulties the Lustring Company lay under by the fraudulent practices of indirect traders, and the ill execution of the laws made for the prevention thereof; by which means great quantities of foreign "lustrings and alamodes" were brought in without paying the customs. It further prayed for the King's share of the forfeitures. Dated 17 Feb. 1697.

Minuted:—"Read 3 March 1697. It is not legal, but if they do any service in seizures, my Lords will take care they shall have just incouragem^t." 3 *pages.*

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Feb. 18. 52. Letter of Edward Battine to William Lounds, Esq., thanking him for the quick despatch of his business, begging his (Mr. Lounds) letter to the Com^rs of Prizes for free recourse to their books and papers, so that he might meet with no obstruction in stating the accounts relating to prizes. Dated 18 Feb. 1697–8.

His petition to be allowed to render the account, and on the back "An accompt of what ships, vessels, and goods have bin taken and seized as prizes" (unfinished), and a letter from him to the Rt. Honble. Paul Foley, Esq., Speaker of the House of Commons, dated 10 Feb. 1697–8, on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 21. 53. The reply of James Smith, collector of Chichester, to the presentment of the Com^rs of the King's Customs, dated 14 December 1697. The reply dated 21 Feb. 1697. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 21. 54. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords [of the Treasury], signifying the King's wishes that 200*l.* should be paid by them for the repair of Dover harbour, which was much injured by the sea on the 15th of that month, whereby the town was in danger of destruction. They were also to inform themselves of the state of the presents for the government of Algiers and Tripoli, that they might be in readiness to be sent away with the squadron fitting out for the Mediterranean. Dated 21 Feb. '97.

Minuted:—"200^li Dover harbour."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 114, 22 Feb. 1697, is:—

"200^li out of loans in Exchequ^r bills to be issued to y^e ordñce, to be p[ai]d over to S^r Basil Dixwell & Mathew Aylmore, Esq^re, tow^d ye harbour at Dover, & desire the office of Ordnance to have some inspection, that ye mo[ney] be layd out for that purpose, according to ye K's intention.

"M^r Powys to enq^r of M^r Bland in what condition the presents for Algiers are." 1½ *pages (quarto).*

Feb. 23. 55. Letter, by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes. Their Lordships had received a letter from the Com^rs of the Navy, with an estimate of the debt of the navy, copies of which were enclosed, expressing the opinion that care should be taken for the discharge of that debt. Dated 23 Feb. 1697–8.

The copy of the letter is enclosed, but not the estimate. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 56. An Order in Council as to the exportation by the African Company of 5,000 lbs. weight of crewel, for the natives about Gambia in the north parts of Guinea, with directions by the Lords of the Treasury to the Com^rs of Customs thereon. Dated 24 Feb. 1697.

Also memoranda of the parcels allowed to pass by the officers of Customs. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 57. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Eyles, praying an allowance for the discount of Exchequer bills. Dated 25 Feb. 1697. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"Read 13 Sept^r '98. Part allowd, p^t disallow^d. Letter to be prepared." 3 *pages.*

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Feb. 26. 58. Letter of the Com^rs of the Revenue in Ireland, transmitting an abstract of the revenue for the year 1697, &c. Dated 26 Feb. 1697–8.
The abstract is not now with it. ½ *page.*

Dec. to Feb. 59. A schedule of the money voted to be raised by Parliament for the civil list, army, navy, &c., in Dec. 1697, Jan. and Feb. 1698. *Part of* 1 *page.*

March 1. 60. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, by command of the King, whose pleasure was that a present of cloth, gold watches, &c., to the value of 400*l.* or 500*l.* be provided to be sent to the government of Tunis by the Mediterranean squadron. Dated 1 March 1697–8.
Minuted:—"To the E. of Montagu to provide this, and to obteyne the proper w^t for it." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 1. 61. "Ordnance mem^l desir^s that the 200*l.* orderd to be p^d by their Treăr for the repair of Dovor harbour, may be paid some other way." Dated 1 March 1697–8.
Minuted:—"To be p^d as orderd." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 2. 62. Representation by the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, that 10,000*l.* had been ordered, and afterwards 5,000*l.*, for buying beef, pork, and peas; the wind having changed, the ships for foreign voyages would all sail for the Downs, and 6,000*l.* must be paid to the pursers at Plymouth and Portsmouth: there were many ships constantly maintained in victuals, which could not be done without supplies. Out of the last imprest they sent 300*l.* to Plymouth and 200*l.* to Portsmouth: praying their Lordships to order money. Dated 2 March 1697–8.
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 129, 12 March 1697, is:—"Vict^rs 1,000^li out of loans on Exchequ^r bills to be issued to the Vic^trs for necessary m^o to pursers whose ships are bound out upon forr. voiages; 9,000^li more to ye vict^rs out of d^o, viz^t, 6,000^li for course & 3,000^li for imprests." 1 *page.*

March 2 and 3. 63. Two reports of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching two vessels laden with wool at Shoreham and Rye, stopped by Capt. Trevor, commander of the "Experiment," advising that one of the vessels should be allowed to proceed on her voyage, as the wool seemed to be of the growth of Barbary, and that the other was laden at Rye for Topsham, and had given security for the landing of the same. Dated 2 and 3 March 1697–8.
Also copy of a letter from the collector of Rye.
The first is minuted:—"3 March '97. When the acco[unt] of the other ship is come, send extracts as to both ships, to M^r Secry Vernon." 3½ *pages.*

March 4. 64. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of William Leach, paymaster of the Incidents, praying that he might be inserted

upon the establishment by name as formerly. They saw no reason why he should not be so inserted. Dated 4 March 1697–8.

Written on the fly leaf of the petition.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

W^t^ signed 24 March 1697–8. 2 *pages.*

March 4. 65. Report of Mr. Chas. Twitty and Mr. Peter Hume. They had examined the specie bills which were found amongst the King's moneys in the Lord Fitzharding's office; making certain recommendations for the prevention of trouble and inconvenience that would arise by delivering out the bills upon which interest had accrued. Dated 4 March 1697–8.

Also a letter in relation to these bills.

Minuted:—"Approved. A warr^t^." 2 *pages.*

March 4. 66. Application from the Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury for a supply to meet the arrears of the sea service (11,000*l.*) and the land service (77,000*l.*), as well as for 15,000*l.* for the contractors, &c. Dated 4 March 1697–8.

Minuted:—"Read 4 Mar. '97." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 5. 67. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing an account of old hammered moneys in the Receiver-General's hands, asking their Lordships' directions to carry the same to the Mint to be re-coined. Dated 5 March 1697–8.

Accompanied by the account.

Minuted:—"15 Mar. '97. This to be done by such a warr^t^ as was granted in cases of excise. W^t^ signed 16 Mar. '97–8. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

March 7. 68. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Rawlins Brownjohn, agent for prisoners of war in Jersey and Guernsey, who had lately applied to the Com^rs^ for Prizes for further assistance, who could not comply with the application by reason of the great amount of gunnage and other appropriations charged on the office. Dated 7 March 1697.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"15 Mar. 1697. My Lords agree w^th^ this report."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 135, 29 March 1698, is:—

"The Com^rs^ of Prizes are to make up & adjust their acco^t^ as soon as possible, and if there appear moneys due thereupon not appropriated, but that they be applicable to M^r^ Brownjohn's debt (ab^t^ 1,200^li^), then this debt is to be paid out of such moneys; but if there be no such balla[nce], this being a just demand, is to be satisfied some other way." 2 *pages.*

March 7. 69. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was the amount of duty upon the equipage of the Hon. Ralph Grey, Esq., appointed governor of Barbadoes; certifying that it amounted to 22*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* Dated 7 March 1697–8.

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Accompanied by an order in Council for the shipment of the goods, duty free; also an inventory of the goods.

Minuted:—"To be p[d] out y[e] Excheq. W[t] signed 16 Mar. '97–8."

The above report was returned, in consequence of the following order in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 119, 26 Feb. 1697–8:—

"The equipage of M[r] Ralph Grey, going gov[r] of Berbados, being ordered by his Ma[ty] in counsel to passe free, my Lords think it more advisable to pay the duty for ye s[d] goods outward, at ye K's charge, and therefore desire the C. of Custo[ms] to certifie what ye dutys of ye s[ai]d equipage am[ts] to." 4 *pages.*

March 7. 70. Memorial of the Com[rs] of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, "Concerning 5 ships lying at Plymouth, stopt by the Comm[rs] of the Customes," asking that the Com[rs] of Customs might attend with them, that the matter might be gone into and directions given thereon. Dated 7 Mar. 1697.

With minute allowing the ships to be brought round to London, where the goods would sell for much more than at Plymouth.

"W[t] signed 16 Mar. 1697–8." 1½ *pages.*

March 7. 71. Presentment by the principal Com[rs] for Prizes touching custom duties demanded on prize goods, being the cargoes of certain ships taken by the fleet commanded by Admiral Rooke, about July last. Dated 7 March 1697.

With a long minute on the *dorse*:—"Their L[ps] saw no reason for the Com[rs] of Prizes or those who bought of them paying the aliens duty, or the last 25*l.* per ton."

"W[t] signed 16 March 1697–8." 1 *page.*

March 7. 72. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Knt., Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Tayloe and others, (praying to be relieved against the King's extent upon a bond of 2,000*l.* by them entered into, to John Dutton Colt, Esq., collector of the port of Bristol, as sureties for Daniel Ballard, his clerk, in that collection, who was charged with embezzlement,) and on the annexed report of the Com[rs] of Customs thereon: giving his opinion that it was not reasonable to discharge the process on the bond without the consent of the collector or without making good the debt found by inquisition to the collector. Dated 7 Mar. 1697–8.

The copy of the bond, the report, and the petition referred to; also the collector's report on the same matter, and two other papers.

Minuted:—"5 Apr. '98. M[r] Colt to assigne ye bond to ye King. Upon that assignment M[r] Colt to be discharged of 2,000*l.* Upon that assignment the pet[rs] to be discharged ag[t] y[e] bond; but the principal to be still lyable if he or his estate can be found." 6 *pages and* 1 *membrane of parchment.*

March 8. 73. Warrant from the Lords of the Treasury to the Com[rs] of Customs, for the acceptance of 10*l.* as a composition for two bonds, amounting to 76*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, in which Papworth Gedney was indebted. Dated 8 March 1697. 1 *page.*

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March 8. 74. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Fulford, who had pretended that he had discovered that the island of Lundy was a place where considerable quantities of goods were run, and prayed to be appointed there; declining to recommend the establishment of an officer there, as the place was hardly inhabited or habitable, &c. Dated 8 March 1697–8.

The petition and a proposal of the petitioner.

Minuted:—"Read 1 July '98. My Lords agree w^th the Com^rs report." 3 *pages.*

March 10. 75. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a state of the account of cash, &c.; asking for the immediate payment of 50,799*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.* to complete the 10 *per cent.* allowance due to the subscribers on the third contract, announcing that on the 3rd instant they laid open a roll for taking subscriptions to a fourth contract for advancing money for circulating Exchequer bills, and in less than two hours obtained subscriptions to the value of 300,000*l.*, at 8 *per cent.* allowance to the subscribers. Dated 10 March 1697–8. ½ *page.*

March 12. 76. Memorial signed "Lanc. Burton," to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that 401*l.* 8*s.* were due to him for the reward of 2^li *per cent. per ann.* on 18,000*l.* lent on the hereditary and temporary excise.

He adds this memorandum:—"I was oblidged to sell 4,000*l.* of y^e tallies abovemencon'd, w^ch I discounted at 18*l.* *per cent.*, w^ch is 720*l.* to my loss." Dated 12 March 1697.

Also three certificates relating thereto. 1 *page and parts of* 3 *others.*

March 14. 77. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. They had carried out the order in Council for the establishment of three sloops on the coasts of Kent and Sussex, to repress the owlers; which three sloops it had been supposed would require to be manned with 40 men, at 3*l.* *per mensem* each, and the cost might amount to 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.* They had sent over privately some persons of good skill, who had bought the vessels required, as they thought it advisable to buy such vessels as had been employed in the privateer trade at Ostend or Dunkirk, and the cost was within their first estimate, viz., 1,508*l.* Dated 14 March 1697–8.

Accompanied by a paper containing "The annual charge of the three sloops for Kent & Sussex."

One was to cruize from the North Foreland to Dungeness, another from Dungeness to Beachey Head, and the third from Beachey Head to Chichester. 2 *pages.*

March 14. 78. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Elizabeth Low, widow of Thomas Low, late of Bristol, tobacconist, praying to compound for 200*l.*, her husband's debt of 700*l.*; advising that her offer should be accepted.

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The petition, and the report on the case by Mr. Colt, the collector there.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

W^t signed 16 March 1697–8. 3 *pages.*

March 14. 79. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. James Moody, as to two prizes of the value of 470*l.* 4*s.*, of which sum the captain craved to be allowed 203*l.* 10*s.*; advising that it should be placed upon account of the thirds payable to the Treasurer of the Navy out of the proceed of prizes. Dated 14 March 1697.

Minuted:—"15 March '97. Agreed. W^t signed 16 Mar. 1697–8." 1 *page.*

Nov. 12, 1697, to March 18, 1697–8. 80. Papers drawn up weekly, headed:—"A state of Exchequer bills received and issued by the foure tellers of the Exchequ^r & Receiver Gen^ll of the Excise." The first is made up to 12 Nov. 1697, and the last to 18 March 1697. 11 *pages.*

March 18. 81. Report by the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of John Fisher and other wood mongers, who had taken out licences as hawkers and pedlers, on which they had paid half the duty, and had given bond for the last half, which was not then paid, though due; expressing the opinion that they should pay the said last half of their duty. Dated 18 March '97.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"23 June '99. The petiĉon is dismissd." 2½ *pages.*

March 18. 82. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a plan of a building proposed to be added to Dublin Castle, on account of the difficulty of accommodating the two families of the Chief Governors; the alterations being estimated by the Surveyor General to amount to 868*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* Dated 18 March 1697–8.

Also the plan. 2½ *pages.*

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1697–8. [? About March 19.] 1. Petition of Thomas Newport, one of the conductors, and several others, who belonged to the train for provisions in Ireland under the command of the Duke of Schonberg. Their honours had ordered Mr. Shales, the commissary, 510*l.* about four years since, to pay the petitioners; but they received only 25*l.*: prays that the commissary's son (the father being dead) should appear, to show cause why the remainder was detained.

Minuted:—"Rc^d 19 Mar. '97/8." 1 *page.*

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March 22. 2. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a case of some difficulty, viz., as to whether a parcel of wines imported from St. Sebastian's and entered as Spanish wines were not really French wines; leaving it to their Lordships to give directions to prosecute the case or not. Dated 22 March 1697–8.

Accompanied by two testimonials and an affidavit relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 8 Apr. '98. The Com^rs are to try ye cause at ye K. charge. M^r Att. & M^r Soll^r will advise."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 141, 8 April 1698, is a minute in nearly the same words. 7 *pages.*

March 24. 3. Report to the Lords Justices in Ireland on the construction and meaning of the Act relating to the forfeiture of the estates of persons dying in rebellion against the King; giving their reasons for their conclusions. Dated 24 March 1697–8.

Accompanied by the queries submitted to them. 6½ *pages.*

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[About March 25 and June 8.] 4. Petition of Sir Wm. Lowther, of Great Preston, in the county of York, to the Lords of the Treasury, for 385*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, being arrears due to his sons John and Thomas, who were both dead, having served in reducing Ireland and in the West Indies.

Minuted:—"Ref. to ye Earl of Ranelagh for so much as concerns his office, and to ye L^d Coningsby & M^r Fox, for what concernes any Irish arrears.

"25 Mar '98. To be p^d out of hackney coach m^o, when it comes in, but y^e report is to be look't out."

Three other papers on the same subject, one of which is a copy of warrant, dated 8 June 1698. 4 *pages.*

March 25. 5. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. David Ward, praying payment of 59*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* due to him for arrears as ensign in the first regiment of Guards; submitting the matter to their Lordships. Dated 25 March 1698. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"6 May 1698. 50^li out of hackney coaches."

The minute is also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 161, 6 May 1698. *Parts of* 4 *pages.*

March 25. 6. "Importacions of wrought silks from India, in the yeares '93, '94, '95, and from Mich^s '96 to Lady-day 1698."

The above is the docquet of a paper signed by "Will. Culliford, Insp^r Gen^ll." 2 *pages.*

[? About March 31.] 7. Petition of Edward Harries, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of 100*l.*, the remainder of 140*l.* disbursed for the King's service.

Minuted:—"Ult. Mar. '98. To have 40^li more as the former was p[ai]d." 1 *page.*

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March 31. 8. "An acct of wt mony the Cashier of the Victuall hath received from the Treasurer of the Navy, since the 1st of Jan. 1696–7 to the last of March 1698." 1½ *pages.*

March 31. 9. "An account of Exchequer bills and mony received by the Treasurer of His Majties Navy (out of the Exchequer), between the 1st of January 1697 & the 31st of March 1698 inclusive." 1 *page.*

Nov. 17, 1697, to March 1698. 10 and 11. Papers drawn up at intervals of a few days between 17 Nov. 1697 and [ ] March 1697–8, entitled :—"Specie cash in the managemt of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills," pursuant to the second and third contracts made with the Lords of the Treasury. 8 *pages.*

April 1. 12. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to William Lowndes, Esq., in reply to the commands of the Lords of the Treasury, to treat with the Eastland merchants and other creditors of the navy upon the course concerning the terms on which they would accept the tallies on the additional impositions; they had desired the merchants to give their answer in writing, and they had done so. Dated 1 April 1698.

Also, the copy of their letter declining to take the tallies, except at the full interest of 35 *per cent.*

Minuted :—"On Thursday morn Comrs to attend."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 140, 7 April 1698, is :—"Comrs of Navy. Their letter with that of ye Eastland merchants, insisting to have all the interest due (abt 35 *p. c.*) on their tallys on the addll imposicons are read. Mr Dodington saies they wilbe paid abt 6 or 7 years hence." 4 *pages.*

April 1. 13. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the refusal of the contractors to receive salt tallies for their debt (15,000*l.*), and their offer to receive half of the same debt in those tallies, and the other in money; enclosing a letter presented by Col. Goore; also respecting the hardship of their arrears (80,000*l.*). Dated 1 Apr. 1698.

Accompanied by the letter.

There is a long minute on this in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 137, 5 April 1698, and their Lordships were of opinion that when these contractors had further considered the matter they would readily accept those tallies. 2 *pages.*

April 4. 14. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, conveying the King's commands for the grant to Greenwich Hospital of a fine of 100*l.* (set upon Captain Thomas Smith for embezzling naval stores), as was desired by the Lords of the Admiralty. (One enclosure.) Dated 4 Apr. '98.

Minuted :—"Order'd." 2 *pages.*

April 4. 15. Letter from the same to the same, communicating the King's instructions to them, to give orders for the payment of 300*l.* to the Countess of Clancartie, for her "present occasions." Dated 4 April '98.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 139, 6 April 1698, is:—"300li to the Countess of Clancarty, out of secret service." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About April 4.] 16. Petition of Thomas Rudge, gent., seeking to be appointed receiver of the King's revenue in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. Recd 4 April '98.

Minuted:—"To be considered when my Lords settle all the Rects of ye Land Revenue." 1 *page*.

April 4. 17. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Raynold Brandt, merchant, touching a parcel of cony tail hair, seized by one of the searchers of the port of London, on which they had made a previous report. On the last hearing there seemed some colour for his being misled by one of the clerks of the Custom-house, in making his entry. Dated 4 April 1698.

Also the former report, the petition, "A true state of the case," another petition and report, a duplicate of the true state of the case, and two other papers.

Minuted:—"Agreed to ye last rept. Wt signed 29th April 1698." 9½ *pages*.

April 5. 18. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Francis Castleton and others, seeking for a *noli prosequi* to be entered in respect of certain linen imported as Holland linen, which should have been called narrow Germany linen, and which on its export contained less in amount than the certificate mentioned; expressing the opinion that it was an innocent mistake, and not objecting to the grant of the favour. Dated 5 April 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 2 *pages*.

April 6. 19. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Marquis de Puisar, relating to the sea subsistence and arrears of pay due to the reduced serjeants, drummers, and private men of the regiment of foot under his command then in Ireland. The amount demanded was 1,172*l*. 18*s*. 9*d*., and he had no objection to their Lordships ordering it. Dated 6 April 1698. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"8 Ap. '98. 200li to be paid on this memll upon acct, before it can be layd before ye K. Read 20 Ap. '98. The K. orders 200li more to be p̃d."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 141, 8 April 1698, is:—"Marqs de Puissar 200 upon accot of his memll."

Again at p. 161, 6 May 1698:—"200l more to Marqs Puissar, for sea pay due to soldrs disbanded of his regt."

And again, at p. 169, 13 May 1698:—"200l [for the same]." 3 *pages*.

April 6. 20. Letter signed Benjamin Mathew, addressed to Mr. Clayton, at Sir Robert Howard's, in St. Stephen's Court, Westminster. When he was at Wellingborough, gleaning up the remains of the tax, an Exchequer bill was brought, exactly of the shape of the one enclosed;

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he had the bill in his custody, and could soon take up the collector if directed, but desired directions, "as the villany was plain." Dated Daventry, 6 April 1698.

Also the said copy of the bill.

Minuted:—"To the Rec^r to attend my Lords in ten days, with the suspected bill in his hand, & to speak to the Coll^r to come with him."

There is also the same minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 142, on 12 April 1698. ½ *page and* 6 *lines.*

April 7. 21. Report of Richard Taylor to the Trustees for the circulating and exchanging Exchequer bills, about certain counterfeit Exchequer bills. Dated 7 April 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 163, 11 May 1698, is an account of the depositions of one Eliz^a Jenkins as to a "5^li bill of ye Exchec^r made 60^li," and the proceedings are introduced by Mr. Taylor. 1 *page.*

April 8. 22. "Auditor Done's report on y^e petition of the Deputy Chamberlains, touching their fees for joining and entring of tallies." Dated 8 April 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"A warr^t as usuall for this allowance. W^t signed." 2½ *pages.*

April 8. 23. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Earl of Orford. The Lords of the Admiralty had confirmed the estimate for rebuilding the ship "Sovereign;" sends the estimate and desires him to procure the money from the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 8 April '98.

Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

April 8. 24. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Huguetan, praying for 150*l.* for the interest at 6*l. per cent.*, on 20,000*l.* supplied by him to Mr. Hill in Flanders. Dated 8 April 1698.

Minuted:—"10 Aug^t '98. To be laid before ye King."

Also as to Mr. Eyles' claim for similar allowance on 21,000*l.*, supplied by Mr. Schuylenberg, and 10,000*l.* by Mr. Clifford to Mr. Hill, submitting the same to their Lordships. Dated 8 April 1698. (One enclosure.) 1½ *pages.*

April 8. 25. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Doctor John Finglass, praying a grant of the King's title to two mortgages formerly made to Robert Arthur and Sir Patrick Trant, forfeited by attainder; transmitting the report of the Com^rs of Revenue and that of Mr. Solicitor thereon. Dated 8 April 1698.

(Two other enclosures.) 10 *pages.*

April 11. 26. Copy of a letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretaries of the Admiralty, sending them the copy of the estimate of the wages due to the King's ships, which had been already laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 11 April 1698. 6½ *pages.*

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April 12. 27. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the orders necessary to warrant the payments made by them, for the subsistence of the troops sent into that kingdom, above what were allowed on the present establishment, &c.; sending the draft of a warrant. Dated 12 April 1698.
(One enclosure.) 3 *pages.*

April 13. 28. Letter of Richard Lloyd, Chief Justice of the island of Jamaica, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that their Lordships would see by two accompanying papers what transpired between the Governor and Council, on the arrival of the commission for administering the oath to the Governor; giving an account of some things not contained in those papers; the Governor was extremely nettled at those papers being sent, and was furiously angry and spoke to the writer in menacing language, &c.; on further conference with his friends the Governor took the oath, which made many think conscience had not so great a share in the first refusal: he further observes, "'tis not easy to imagine how great a gov^{r} thinks himself, when he is gott five thousand miles from England; *this* has already wish'd all y^{e} law books burnt, and in most things follows y^{e} dictates of his own reason before y^{t} of y^{e} law; in short, if I may compare him with y^{e} worst govern^{rs} that ever have been here, I may say of him that he is *non melior sed occultior;* there are diverse persons in this country from whom considerable sums have been privately exacted, and yet they dare not make a noise about y^{e} matter," &c. Dated Spanish Town, Jamaica, 13 April 1698.
Minuted:—"Read 22 June 1699. To be laid up."
Accompanied by the certificate of the members of the council at Jamaica, that they had produced a commission under the broad seal of England empowering them to administer a certain oath to the governor, Sir Willm. Beeston, Knt., and that when it was tendered to him he refused to take it, alleging that it was swearing, "to what one does not know." Dated 30 March 1698.
With their signatures and seals. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*) *and one very large page.*

[About April 13.] 29. Petition of Joseph Bruxby to the King, referring to a previous petition, in which he had set forth the incapacity of the Com^{rs} of Excise, by means whereof the King was cheated of 500,000*l. per ann.*, still charging them with ignorance of their duties, &c., praying that the Com^{rs} and he might be heard face to face before the King.
Minuted:—"13 Apr. '98. Read, &c., again, 20 April '98. The K. will hear him when His Ma^{ty} has more leisure."
There is also a minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 152, 20 April 1698, to the same effect. 1 *large page.*

April 14 and May 17. 30. Letter of Mr. Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for necessary directions to be given for the speedy payment of a bill of exchange for 2,800*l.* drawn on Mr. Lowndes by Mr. Robinson, the King's resident at Stockholm. Dated 14 April 1698.
Minuted:—"25 May '98. The King orders this to be paid out

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of secret service money, there being no money for contingents of the forces."

A further letter thereon. Dated 17 May 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 177, 25 May 1698, is this entry :—"2,800li to the order of Mr Cowper on Mr Robinson's bills, to be paid out of secret service" as above. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

April 14. 31. Letter of Mr. Wm. Lowndes to Mr. Blathwaite, enclosing the report of Lord Ranelagh, on the petition of Captain John Dalley, praying for the removal of the respites on his company in Col. Farrington's regiment. Dated 14 April 1698.

Accompanied by the report and petition. 3 *pages*.

April 15. 32. Copy of a letter from the principal officers and Comrs of the Navy, as to the want of money to carry on the service of the navy. Dated 15 April '98. 1 *page and* 2 *lines*.

April 15. 33. Representation of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to make up the 614*l*. ordered (which could be of no use) to 3,000*l*., to enable them to pay the last half year, 1696, at Portsmouth and Gosport, where there were about 200 sick men. Dated 15 April 1698 1 *page*.

April 16. 34. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, praying a grant in reversion of the office of "Tronor and Poisor" of that town; they had nothing to object, as it would be rather an advantage than an inconvenience to the King's subjects. Dated 16 April 1698.

The petition and a letter showing that the office had become vacant.

Minuted :—"Memdm to carry the report to Kensington. 25 May 1698, King orders. Speak with Sir W. Blacket that the office of tronor & poiser be suppressed, or how the town may be gratifyed."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 168, 13 May 1698, is the following :—

"Sr Wm Blacket acquaints my Lords what vexation the place of tronor & poiser at Newca[stle] has been, when in private hands, and desires it may be granted to ye towne for ever. That the town intends no profitt by it, but onely for the convenience of trade, to destroy ye office. Me[morandum] to carry ye report to Kensington."

And again at p. 177, 25 May, a minute to the same effect as the one on the paper. 3 *pages*.

April 16. 35. Report of the same to the same, on the memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy for restoration of a hoy which had been employed by them for victualling purposes, but was captured by the French and afterwards was seized on the coast with a cargo of wine. Dated 16 April 1698.

Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages*.

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April 16. 36. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Fretwell, tobacco pipe maker, for payment of 23*l.* 3*s.* and 17*l.* 17*s.* due to him for the sutlers at the Horse Guards. Dated 16 April 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"23 June '99. Dismiss'd." 2 *pages.*

April 16. 37. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Sir Joseph Tredenham, praying payment of the clearings due to himself, his late deputy and gunners in the castle of St. Mawes; stating what was due, and submitting the matter to their Lordships. Dated 16 April 1698. (One enclosure.)

On the dorse is "Letter 28th Xber 1698."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 47, 21 Dec. 1698, is the following:—

"The sum due to Sir Joseph Tredenham & Mr Boscawen for the garrison of St Mawes, is to be paid by the Earl of Ranelagh." 2 *pages.*

April 18. 38. Letter, by command of the Lords of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes. The principal officers of the navy had sent to their Lordships an account of the wages due to each ship, remaining to be paid off, amounting to 807,040*l.* They had not been able to carry on any of the payments for want of money for some months past; the writer sends a copy of their letter, and expresses their Lordships' desire, that the Lords of the Treasury would consider of some way to supply money to carry on the services. Dated 18 April 1698.

Also encloses copy of another letter from the Comrs of the Navy, as to their great straits, for want of money for the course of their office, and to procure naval stores; as also the inconveniencies the poor workmen of the yards were exposed to, for want of their pay. Dated 18 April 1698. 1 *page.*

April 18. 39. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Byfeild of London, merchant, on behalf of himself and others, owners and freighters of the ship "Charles" (brigantine) from Jamaica, whose ship had been manned with less than three-fourths English and so had infringed the navigation laws. Recommending relief. Dated 18 April 1698.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit. 1 *page and* 3 *parts of pages.*

April 18. 40. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Samuel Eyres and others, who had bought of the Comrs of Prizes, certain Newfoundland and island fish, whale fins, and train oil; taken prize from the French and condemned; on which goods the collectors of Dartmouth and Yarmouth demanded the foreign duties; reminding their Lordships that on some former occasions they had allowed entries of similar commodities as if taken and brought in by English ships. Dated 18 April 1698.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Accompanied by the petition and three certificates. 5 *pages.*

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[About April 18.] 41. Memorial of Thomas Strickland, Esq., controller of the "Million Lottery." In the year 1695 there was an office erected for payment of the lottery tickets, which was made use of by Mr. Lowndes, and afterwards possessed by Mr. Burton, the late controller; but upon stopping the payments for want of money in 1696 and 1697, Mr. Hume and Mr. Creemer had permission to use the same, who detained it from the present controller, who prayed for their Lordships' order thereon.

Minuted:—"Mr Lowndes to see that a convenient place for him be looked out."

"It will be most convenient to have ye office of comptroll kept where it was before, because it is contiguous to the pay office, and will be an ease to the suitor. And there is a convenient room may be made for Mr Hume & Mr Cremer below staires, out of part of ye late melting house.

"18 Ap. '98. Read & agreed to." 1 *page partly decayed.*

April 18. 42. Letter of James Vernon, Esq., one of the principal Secretaries of State, to the Lords of the Treasury, sending to them by the King's command, the papers which had been laid before him, relating to the seizure of a Dunkirk sloop, which had been stopped for some months at Cowes in the Isle of Wight, for smuggling; the release of which ship the French ambassador had demanded. Dated Whitehall, 18 April 1698.

The report of the Comrs of Customs and four letters and papers thereon. 7 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 19. 43. Letter of the same to Mr. Lowndes, sending the substance of a memorial given him by M. Burgeois, containing his reasons why his ship and goods detained at Cowes upon complaint of the collector there, should be discharged, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury for their consideration, together with the papers already sent on that subject, as described in the last entry (No. 42). Dated Whitehall, 19 April 1698.

Accompanied by the said "Reasons," together with various papers on the subject of the seizure and detention of the sloop, the principal one of which is a presentment of the Comrs of Customs, giving their opinion that the collector at Cowes had good cause to detain the sloop.

Minuted:—"Read 10 May 1698, with Mr Bourgeois memll. My Lords are of opinion that this matter be left to law, there being an apparent ground for a prosecution." 27 *pages or parts of pages.*

April 19. 44. Report on the petition of Joseph Chamberlain and another respecting the ship "Nostra Seniora de Aranzaru," laden with raisins, which ship had been seized for contravening the navigation laws; finding that by the petitioners' own showing the navigation had not been duly performed. Dated 19 April 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 10 May 1698. My Lords can give no relief in this case."

The petition and two other papers. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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April 21. 45. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. William Cross, commander of the King's ship "Dovor," as to the privilege claimed of having wine, duty free, for the consumption of the captains, and in particular as to 26½ hogsheads of French wine brought over from Guernsey in the ship, on which the captain refused to pay the duty or to deliver up to the collector of Portsmouth; recommending that the petitioner should be forthwith obliged to pay the duty. Dated 21 April 1698.

Minuted :—"Agree with the report."

Accompanied by nine papers and copies, including the petition. 14 *pages or parts of pages.*

April 21. 46. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting an arrear of quit rent, payable to the King out of the Marquis of Antrim's estate; desiring their Lordships to lay before the King their opinion, that it would not be of service, to condescend to any application, for staying the prosecution of the King's title to the same. Dated 21 April 1698.

Six other papers touching the Marquis's estate and affairs.

Minuted :—"Read 22 7^br 1698. My Lords will direct nothing contrary to the desire of y^e Lords Justices and the opinion of y^e Com^rs of y^e Revenue in Ireland, without his Ma^ts special direction." 9 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

April 23. 47. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Moseley, for 200*l.*, part of the arrears due to him as lieutenant and adjutant in Major-Gen. Leveson's regiment of horse, to enable him to carry himself and family into Ireland. Certifying that 927*l.* 2*s.* 2½*d.* were due to him. Dated 23 April 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted :—"Read 21 June '98. My Lords cannot yet pay this." 2 *pages.*

April 25. 48. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, sending an estimate of the debt of the navy, &c., up to Lady-day (having already sent a similar one for Christmas) for their Lordships' perusal. Dated 25 April 1698. 1 *page.*

April 25. 49. "An estimate of y^e debt of His Maj^ts Navy on the heads undermentioned, as it stood on 31^st of March last past." Dated 25 April 1698.

The heads are,—Wear and tear, seamens wages, victualling, sick and wounded, register office; the total, 2,221,286*l.* 1 *page.*

April 28. 50. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, sending the copy of an order they had received from the Lords of the Admiralty, directing their attendance on the Lords of the Treasury, touching the disposal of the tallies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy. Dated 28 April '98.

Also the said copy. 2 *pages.*

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April 29. 51. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Magorman, merchant of London, whose ship was wrecked in the Bay of Sligo, praying to be allowed to dispose of certain tobacco saved out of the ship on the spot, paying certain duties; recommending his prayer to be granted. Dated 29 April 1698.

Minuted :—"Read 10 May 1698. My Lords cannot grant the permission desired."

Accompanied by the petition, three certificates, and an affidavit. 4 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

April 29. 52. Report on the petition of Coort Walkeling, praying that some Exeter worsted might be allowed to be transported from hence to Denmark, the same being desired for making a wrought bed, by a lady of quality (whose husband managed the affairs of Prince George of Denmark in Denmark), which worsted could not be shipped without their Lordships' special consent: advising that the permission would not prejudice the manufacture of this kingdom. Dated 29 April 1698.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 2. 53. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the remissness of the general surveyors and the guagers, in the discharge of their duty, in connexion with the London breweries. The Com^rs observe that, "greater care seems to have been taken by the general officers, to discover frauds that they may reap the benefit of the great penalties, than to prevent all frauds that the King may have his full duty." Dated 2 May 1698.

(Inclosing) "An acco^t of the produce of the Excise of the London Brewery, in the severall periods of time hereunder mentioned."

Minuted :—"Read 24 May 1698." 4 *pages.*

May 3. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue of Ireland [to the Lords of the Treasury], in answer to the memorial of Laurence Stanyon, Esq., respecting a warrant for the payment of 1,124*l.*, and the allegation that they had forbidden any of the debtors to pay any part of their arrears, and further as to the prosecution by Sir Arthur Shaen of several persons indebted to the late farmers. Dated 3 May 1698.

Two enclosures.

On the dorse is :—"The letter is sign'd." 5½ *pages.*

[? About May 5.] 55. Petition of the several clerks and other officers belonging to the Victualling office at London, and all the outports, to be discharged from the tax of 4*s.* 4*d.* in the pound assessed on their salaries.

A list of the clerks and the amounts of their salaries.

Minuted :—"All under 60^li a year to be remitted. W^t signed 5 May 1698." 2 *pages.*

May 6. [56. Memorial of various contractors for the Navy, with numerous signatures, apparently intended for the Navy board. They had for-

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merly acquainted them of the many bad payments they had had, which had broken sundry of the creditors and made most of them in a tottering condition; it was out of their power to support the service much longer; they could not supply the service for the time of their contracts. They ask them to urge the Lords of the Treasury for a good payment on the course of the Navy. Dated 6 May 1698. 1 *page.*

[About May 6.] 57. Petition of Thomas Lenham to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of 100*l.*, his share of 1,000*l.*, being the reward promised for the apprehension of one Cranburne, who was seized at Godstone, in Surrey.

Minuted:—"6 May '98. To be brought in to-morrow. If the hundred pounds be not paid, it is to be paid out of any disposeable m°. A certificate to be had of this from the Exchequ[r]." 1 *page.*

May 6. 58. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of Mr. Gerard Borne being employed as a King's-waiter in the port of London, or some other patent office, wherein he might act by deputy, when there should be a vacancy. Dated 6 May 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 10 May 1698."

A letter from James Vernon, Esq., intimating the King's commands, that some employment should be given him in the Customs. 2 *pages.*

May 7. 59. Presentment by the principal Com[rs] of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to prizes disposed of at Barbadoes without account; recommending the appointment of Charles Thomas, Esq. and Mr. Talbot Edwards to take charge of the King's interest in prizes there. Dated 7 May 1698.

Indorsed:—"Warr[t]" [? for the appointment]. 1 *page.*

May 8. 60. Copy of a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, commencing "R[t] Hon[ble]," without stating to whom it is addressed, respecting a small vessel bought by Col. Gibson of Captain Norris at Newfoundland, to carry His Majesty's letters to New England, the bill for which was still unpaid; also as to the cargo on board: sending copy of a letter from Col. Gibson and extracts of two other letters relating thereto. Dated 8 May 1698.

Accompanied by the said copy and extracts. 6¼ *pages.*

May 9. 61. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. He had laid before the King the remarks of the Council of Trade upon the proposals made for the discovery of a silver mine in America, and the proposals of the undertakers, a copy of which was enclosed; and the King thought it reasonable they should be allowed 200*l.* each to proceed in the work, and that a suitable person should be sent with them, to see the experiment made. Dated 9 May 1698.

Minuted:—"A sign man[ll] for 200[li] a piece."

Accompanied by a copy of the memorial of the Council of Trade and a copy of the proposal.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 206, 15 July 1698, is :—

"The mo. to be pd. imediatly to ye men that goe to the silver mines." 6 *pages.*

May 9. 62. Letter from the same to the same, communicating the King's pleasure for the issuing of 450*l.* or 500*l.* for the immediate repair of the north pier of the port of Dover, in pursuance of a report of Sir Cloudesly Shovell and others, who had surveyed the harbour. Dated 9 May 1698.

Also the copy of their report on the state of the harbour, in which they say the revenue of the harbour was less than half what it had been, and never had been above 350*l. per ann.* The charge of preserving the piers and harbour had rendered the town helpless. They proposed building a wall 30 feet thick at the bottom, with sluices through it, about 500 feet below the present water pent, to make a secure basin for 10 or 12 ships from 40 guns downwards, and there would be room for four score sail more. They estimated the expense of the repair of the old works upon the pier at 450*l.* or 500*l.*, and the additional new work proposed at about 7,350*l.*

Minuted :—"To be brought in next time."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 205, 14 July 1698, is :—

"500li towards repairing Dovor peer, to be issued out of ditto [*i.e.*, loans on Poll money], to the Trer of ye Navy, to be pd over to ye Comrs for building the said peer by a bill of imprest." 5 *pages.*

May 9. 63. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, representing the necessity there was of enlarging the Custom-house, at least that end where the Comrs rooms, and the secretary and the receiver-general's offices were ; praying leave to treat for the adjoining house for that purpose. Dated 9 May 1698.

Minuted :—"Approved." 1½ *pages.*

May 9. 64. Similar presentment, recommending that the expense of prosecutions under the laws prohibiting the transportation of wool might be allowed out of the King's moieties, instead of out of the "Incidents." Dated 9 May 1698.

Minuted :—"25 May 1698. My Lords do not approve of this." 1½ *pages.*

[About May 9.] 65. Petition of Francis Eyles, merchant, on the behalf of Francis Bond, Esq., President of the Council of Barbadoes, praying he might receive his allowance of 600*l.* a year out of the 4½ *per cent.* arising by a duty upon the produce of the island.

Minuted :—"Read 11 May '98. To be considered p my Lds 25 May 1698. The King orders the whole salary from the death of Mr Russell to the date of Mr Grey's patent."

It was referred to their Lordships on 9 May 1698.

In relation to this the following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 173, 20 May 1698 :—

"He (*i.e.*, Mr. Blathwaite) saies the K. has gratified Mr Gray with ye whole sallary, from the date of his comon till his arrival in

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1698. Berbados (half of w^ch^ by ye rules of ye plantations did belong to ye comander-in-chief for ye time being). M^r^ Bond, who was Presid^t^ of y^e^ Counsel from y^e^ death of Coll^o^ Russell, desires the half sallary, to the arrival of M^r^ Grey, or (instead of that, being given away already) that he may have ye whole salla[ry] of 1,200^l.^ a year, from ye death of Russel to ye date of M^r^ Greye's commission; this is less." 1½ *pages.*

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May 10. 1. Application of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, for arrears, stating that the debt due to the contractors for horses was paid in salt tallies; there was still a foreign debt of 800*l.* due to the skippers, who were not in a condition to take salt tallies. Dated 10 May 1698. 1 *page.*

[About May 10.] 2. Petition of Sir Basil Firebrace and Samuel Shepheard, merchants, to the King, seeking that he would give directions to the Lords of the Treasury, to give up to the petitioners certain bonds given by them for payment of customs on wines, or that according to agreement the excess of customs should be repaid to them.

Minuted:—"10 May '98. Read to my Lords. My Lords are not of opinion to continue any agreem^t^ of this kind, but for the time past their Lo^ps^ will rep^r^sent the matter to ye K. Putt this in the King's papers.

"25th May 1698. The King thinkes it will be hard to make them pay their bonds, but directs my Lords to inquire further into that matter."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 207, 18 July 1698, is:—

"Firebrace & Sheppard, if there was such a bargain it must be complyd with." 1 *page.*

[?About May 11.] 3. Petition of Lord Mountjoy and Col. George Villers for an order for the payment of money due for clothing their respective regiments, as it was supposed that the off-reckonings were to be used for other regiments.

Minuted:—"11 May 1698. The K. orders this to be referd to ye L^ds^ Justices to state ye fact."

This minute is also in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 165, on that day. 1 *page.*

May 11. 4. Report of Sir Christopher Wren, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Vice-Admiral John Benbow, as to the great damage which had been done to the house and gardens called Sayes Court, at Deptford, by the Czar of Muscovy and his retinue. The petitioner states that "some time since he tooke

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the house of Jn° Evelyn, Esq^r, call'd Sayes Court, at Deptford, and is bound by agreement to keep the same (together with the gardens), &c., in good and sufficient order and repair, and to leave them in the same at the expiration of his terme;" and "that his Czarish Maj^tie coming to yo^r petitioner about three months agoe, did request the use of his house dureing the time of his stay in England, as also the furniture in it, as it stood: he freely consented thereto, and immediately removed his family out of it, and gave him possession, supposing it might be a pleasure to his good master the King, and that he (the Czar) would have used his house, goods, and gardens otherwise than he finds he hath, which are in so bad a condition that he can scarcely describe it to your hono^rs, besides much of the furniture broke, lost, and destroyed." Dated 11 May 1698.

The report contains a summary of the damages done, which were very extensive, amounting in value to 350*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, of which he supposed 162*l.* 7*s.* should be paid to Mr. Evelin, the petitioner's term being nearly expired, 158*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to the petitioner, and 30*l.* to one Russel, a poor man, whose house was ruined by the guards. The report is accompanied by three particular valuations of the damages, viz.:—

(1.) "Account of dammages done to the building and fences, by the Czar of Moscovy and his retinue."

(2.) "An inventory of Admiral Benbow's goodes that is lost, broake, & damage done to them."

(3.) "Some observations made upon the gardens and plantations." Signed by George London, the King's master gardener.

[These show very clearly the disorderly life which was led by his "Czarish Majesty" and retinue whilst at Deptford.]

Minuted:—"The office of works to pay this." 7½ *pages.*

May 11. 5. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Earl of Orford, concerning the want of 5,000*l.* for bills of exchange; the want of provision for "the course of the office," now nearly a year in arrear; the yards, which were also a year in arrear at Lady-day last; soliciting half a year's wages, &c. Dated 11 May 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 13 May '98."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 173, 20 May 1698, is:—"The letter to ye Navy Board for 130,000^li to be assigned to wear, tear, & for y^e yards, is read & approved." 2 *pages.*

May 11. 6. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking that the King's process might go forward for seizing and extending the ship James, of Brest, and her cargo; in order to pay a fine of 100*l.* due from Philemon Coddan. Dated 11 May 1698.

Minuted:—"22 June '98. Agreed." 1 *page.*

May 12. 7. Letter signed Will. Culliford, to the Com^rs of the Navy, as to the obtaining through their means the imprest desired in their petition, without which the work must be laid down, which em-

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ployed above a thousand poor "in this place & at Reading." [The place is not named. The manufacture was canvas.] Dated 12 May 1698. (Also an enclosure.)

Minuted :—Read 13 May 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 173, 20 May 1698, is :—"500li to be imprested to Mr Culliford & partners for saile cloath, per ye Comrs of ye Navy, out of any mony in ye Treasurer's hands applicable to wear & tear." 3 *pages.*

May 13. 8. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, as to the application of the overplus money and stores, remaining of the 27 new ships, to the service of the navy. The new 80 gun ship at Chatham was intended to be launched on the 31st inst. Dated 13 May '98. 1 *page.*

May 13. 9. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. The King thought fit to allow Mr. Richard Fisher 100*l.* for services performed by him, and for his subsistence ; desires orders might be given for payment thereof. Dated 13 May 1698.

Minuted :—18th May.

To be paid by Mr. H. Baker.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 171, on that day, there is a minute to the same effect. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 14. 10. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James De Peyrove, in respect to a ship laden with wine, bound for Amsterdam, and cast away on the Goodwin Sands, but afterwards brought into Sandwich Haven, where she has since lain with her cargo, in a spoiling condition. The proprietors offered, as a last expedient, to suffer the goods to be condemned on an information in the Court of Exchequer, and then to be sold by inch of candle ; one moiety to be for the King, and the other for the proprietors : which course the Comrs favoured. Dated 14 May 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted :—"Agreed. Wt signed 26 May 1698." 2¼ *pages.*

May 16. 11. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning a parcel of wines seized in the port of Sandwich, advising for the future that two-thirds of the forfeitures after public sale by inch of candle, should be to the King, he bearing the charge of prosecution ; and the other third to the seizer. In this case the Comrs directed their solicitor to move the court to set aside the appraisement, and to issue a writ for a better, &c. Dated 16 May 1698.

Minuted :—"Read 17 May '98. A clause to be prepared, that in case of French goods (not worth ye duty) the K's share of ye forfeiture be $\frac{2}{3}$ds. Speak to Mr Attor. & Mr Sollr abt ye latter part of this report." 2 *pages.*

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May 16. 12. Presentment of the same to the same, asking them to give directions for the reimbursement of the collectors of Customs, by the Commissioners of the Navy, viz., for the sums advanced by them for imprest, conduct, and subsistence money. Dated 16 May 1698.

Minuted:—"A list to be transmitted to my Lords per ye Com^rs." 1 *page.*

May 17. 13. Application of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, for the supply of 1,075*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* for the completion of the works at Newfoundland, and three other papers concerning the establishment of gunners, &c., for the preservation of the fort lately built at Newfoundland, which would amount to 401*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*, and the estimate for perfecting the fort and battery, amounting to 1,075*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* Dated 17 May 1698. 7 *pages.*

May 18. 14. A narrative, written by one Thomas Webb, of what took place on several interviews between 26 Feb. 1697–8 and 5 May following, in negotiations of the said Webb, with some one under the initial E., who is explained to be Sir Thomas Dyke, a member of the House of Commons, whose interest Webb was using to obtain from "Esquire Pelham" and Mr. Henry Pelham a place in the Exchequer or Treasury. The negotiations were in reference to a prosecution of the Com^rs of Excise for non-qualification, &c. He says "E." told him he would put him in the way to make 2,000*l.* presently, by informing against several considerable persons in great places, who had not qualified themselves, and to encourage him, told him they had done ill offices to some worthy gentlemen by giving false informations, and that the non-qualified Com^rs, he thought, would compound and not stand the prosecution. It would have been brought into the House of Commons, but he prevented it, in order that he (Webb) might bring the information. "E." told him, if it cost him 5*l.* or 10*l.* and it miscarried, he should be repaid. He had the informations prepared and then asked "E." whether he should carry them to the Attorney General, or first petition the House for Sir Stephen Evans (one of the Com^rs) to waive their privilege, and for the House to order Mr. Attorney to further the prosecution, or at least to awe the judges from discouraging it. He then left a petition for that purpose with "E," who ordered him to come on the 8th of March, for on the 7th he should be with several "knowing ones," whom he would consult about it; but on the 8th "E." told him he could not petition, unless Mr. Attorney refused to sign the informations, and Mr. Clark, one of the Com^rs, had told him it was his opinion that the non-qualified Com^rs must and ought to be incapacitated and could not avoid it. "E." told him, on the bill being brought in for giving further time, that there were a great many "noes" to the bill, and they would do what they could to throw it out, and Mr. Clark had told him he would run out of the House when the bill was reading, if it were not for shame. "E." then told the writer there had been a quarrel between Mr. Clark and Mr. Danvers, the other Com^r. The writer speaking with "E."

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on the mistrust the Com^rs had of Mr. Clark and Mr. Danvers for their promoting the prosecution, he seemed to excuse or extenuate their doing it, by telling him that the Com^rs had done them ill-offices, and particularly told him that Mr. Clark and Mr. Danvers coming with Mr. Onslow in a coach through Temple Bar, one of them told Mr. Onslow they must have a care how they behaved, for if a revolution should come, it might be their turns to have their heads stand where Fenwick's did (his then being lately put up over Temple Bar), and that Mr. Onslow misrepresented this to some state officer, and accused Mr. Clark with reflecting on the King and Government, and that Sir John Foche had informed against Mr. Danvers, that he had expressed his gladness at the taking of some place in Flanders by the French. "E." told him that Mr. Clark had said he would have voted against and opposed the bill, if he were not one of the Com^rs, and would be publicly censured. "E." had brought out his petition for compensation in lieu of the forfeiture, into the lobby of the House, telling him he could not get it presented; he would have presented it himself, but was afraid of discovering some persons who were concerned in the prosecution. On this the writer resolved to drop the prosecution. On the following morning "E." told him "H." [Sir Eliab Harvey] had promised to deliver his petition, and if he did so, "E." would speak to it, and if "H." did not present it, "E." would; for rather than not have it presented, they would hazard being discovered: [It was, however, not presented]. "E." told him he would endeavour to get him a place in the Custom-house, but he could have nothing at the Excise, unless Mr. Onslow were removed. He was offered money to discover Mr. Clark and Mr. Danvers as the authors of the informations, &c. "E." told him the Lords had brought in a new bill for the Com^rs of Excise's indemnity, and he was ordered to tell the writer that he should proceed no further, for he would be baffled in the prosecution; because of an opinion he heard one of the Lords Chief Justices or Lord Chancellor had given in favour of the Com^rs. Several members were for a general pardon; there were three or four places in the Excise worth 100*l.* a year; one of which "E." believed he would get. The Com^rs took their turns in preferring their friends. Dated 18 May 1698. 3½ *pages.*

May 18. 15. Letter of James Vernon, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the copy of a letter sent to the French ambassador by a master of a French vessel, cast away near Milford, complaining that the money he was carrying out was for the sale of the wreck of his ship, and was seized by the Custom-house officers; also copy of a letter of the Com^rs of Customs on that subject for their Lordships' consideration and relief. Dated 18 May 1698.

Minuted:—"A warr^t to disch^a this seizure, giving satisfaction to ye officer. W^t signed 24 May 1698." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 19. 16. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Henry Connett, an officer in the Excise, and on the papers relating to his accusation of Thomas Yapp for disaffection to

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the government, together with the cause of the discharge of the said Connett. Dated 19 May 1698. (11 enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Read 24 May 1698. My Lords are satisfied that Connet is deservedly dismissd."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 156, 28 April 1698 (relating to Yapp and Connet) is the following passage:—"My Lords direct the Com^rs to examine the whole case & to state ye same in a report to their Lop^s." 15 *pages.*

May 19. 17. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to Mr. Secretary Vernon, as to the necessity that the properties of the King's subjects should be settled, many of which remained doubtful, on account of the late rebellion; enclosing a paper of queries and the opinions of several judges. Dated 19 May 1698.

(These are not now with the letter.) 2 *pages.*

[About May 20.] 18. Representation of Sir Henry Ashhurst, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to 3,000*l.* in Exchequer bills delivered to him to answer the demands of Col. Gibson upon the government of New England. He (Sir Henry) had to discount them at 6*l.* 15*s. per cent.* &c. The last advices he had from the Earl of Bellomont were, that above 1,600*l.* were paid, and that there was more to ship this spring. He hoped he should be considered when he made up accounts with their Lordships. Signed.

Minuted:—"Read 20 May '98. He will be here next Tuesday."

Also a balance sheet. 1 *page and a few lines.*

May 21. 19. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending employment of a small vessel for the guard of the coast near Falmouth, the charge of which was estimated at 200*l. per ann.* Dated 21 May 1698.

Minuted:—"Approved." 1 *page.*

May 24. 20*a*. Report on the petition of James Amyden, merchant, for the grant of the King's third part of the forfeiture of some Indian goods, called pelongs and paunchees, wrongly entered. Not objecting to the said third part and to the grant of a *noli prosequi.* Dated 24 May 1698. (Three enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Granted." 5 *pages.*

[? About May 25.] 20*b*. Petition of Mary Piggot, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury. Her husband was a captain of a troop of horse dragoons in the garrison of Londonderry during the siege, and lived in a plentiful condition; but on a sudden was deprived of goods and cattle, to the value of above 700*l.* Prays for relief. Signed.

Copy of a certificate in support of the same. Dated 10 March 1697–8.

"*Minuted*;—"Read 25 May 1698. My Lords cannot grant this." 2 *pages.*

May 25. 21. Report of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Dame Katherine Harman, Joseph Lawrence, John

1698. Pelham, and Nicholas Belbin, &c., praying for the payment of their debts out of either the salt or new imposition tallies, which were in the treasurer of the navy's custody Dated 25 May 1698.

The last is minuted:—"Read 5 7br '99. The Comrs of Navy think this debt should be paid, but it must be done in course to all, & not to any particular[ly], as soon as any money shalbe provided for this purpose."

Also the petition and other papers relating to the same debts, one or two of which are in duplicate. 12 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

May 25. 22. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hardy, of Ripon in the county of York, innholder, from whose keeping a wallet, containing 46*l.* in silver, had been stolen, which had been left in charge of the petitioner's wife by Mr. John Fletcher, one of the general surveyors; stating "that all innkeepers by the law are bound safely to keep the goods of their guests," &c. Dated 25 May 1698. (Four enclosures, including the petition.)

Minuted:—"19 Aug. 1698. The officer must pay ye mo[ney] & take his remedy agt ye innholder." 5 *pages.*

May 25. 23. Letter from the Lord Bellomont, Governor of the province of New York, to the Lords [of the Treasury]. He entered upon the government of New York on 2 April last, and had made a most strict inquiry into the revenue from customs, and found the officers had been most corrupt and negligent, and the greatest abuses had been committed in relation to trade; the trade at that port having doubled in ten years, and the city had grown vastly rich and populous, with double the number of houses, but the customs were decreased. There had been a most licentious trade with pirates "Scotland and Curacao"; and he found the collector, Mr. Chidley Brooke, was most extremely backward in the discharge of his duty; he should forthwith suspend him for some of his actions, as soon as they were made evident, and put another more faithful in his place.

The late government had connived at the breach of the acts of trade, and the merchants were so accustomed thereto, that on his arrival, when he ordered a small seizure of East India goods imported in an unfree bottom, the whole city seemed to be in an uproar. He should take care the acts of trade were observed, and if possible find trusty officers.

There was no naval officer distinct from the collector, nor any "register" appointed by the late Governor, whereby the ships of that port, which took no certificates, would be seized. By consent of Mr. Randolph, surveyor-general of the customs and the collector there, he had admitted the ships to give security, &c. that no fraud should be done to the King. He had appointed Mr. Thos. Palmer, of good reputation, naval officer and "register" of the province.

He had refused to permit proclamations to be printed in the city, by the Governor of the Jerseys, publishing that Perth Amboy,

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and Burlington are free ports, because he found that the laws of this province raised a considerable revenue for the support of the government from customs on goods, which the ports of the Jerseys would be free from; and the port of Amboy being but 20 miles from it, the merchants would transport themselves thither, and carry away all the trade, to the destruction of this government. He had thought this affair of so great consequence that he had given an account of it to the Lords of the Council of Trade, that he might have their directions.

The accounts ordered should be transmitted.

He enclosed 1st, an account of the produce of the revenue of New York for 1687, and another account of the same for the years 1692 to 1697; and their Lordships would see that the decrease of the revenue must be either by connivance of the government, or corruption, or neglect of the officers, or all together. Dated New York, 25 May 1698.

[Printed in *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 317.]

Also the two accounts mentioned (copies). 5 *pages.*

May 26. 24. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for putting in execution in the city of London the acts for the aid, the land tax, tonnage and poundage, &c.; representing that the principal officers, Com^rs^ and others belonging to the navy, &c. were assessed in the ward of Tower, London, but living in remote places no distress could be found in the city; whereupon the Com^rs^ applied to the under treasurer of the navy to stop, out of their salaries and pensions, the sums assessed, who positively declared he would not detain their assessments. Praying their Lordships' directions. Dated 26 May 1698. 1 *page.*

[About May 26.] 25. Petition of Thomas Burnevill of London, vintner, for the acceptance of 104*l.* as his composition, to avoid further expense, in consequence of a seizure of money shipped coastwise, without sufferance or warrant, and seized by the officer at Swansey. Received 26 May '98.

Minuted :—" Read 21 7^br^ 1698, & rejected." 1 *page.*

May 27. 26. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. They had received information that the officers of the port of Weymouth had met with five waggons and men ready to carry the goods to be landed from the ship called the " Rotterdam Merchant," and having prevented that design, they surprised the ship and brought her to port, with 61 packets of Morlaix linen, the duties on which amounted to 342*l.* 15*s.* 7¼*d.* They recommend that the officers should be rewarded with 40*l.* for preferring the King's interests to their own. Dated 27 May 1698.

Minuted :—" Approved." 2 *pages.*

May 30. 27. Letter from Mr. Wm. Popple to William Lowndes, Esq., desiring him to put the Lords of the Treasury in mind of the money

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necessary for the discharge of the supernumerary soldiers at Newfoundland, and for the maintenance of such as were left, for which 1,000*l.* was judged sufficient, the convoys thither being ready to depart. Dated 30 May 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 31. 28. Recommendation by the principal Com^rs^ for Prizes, to the Lords of the Treasury, of George Heathcote, Esq., and Mr. Josiah Heathcote, to be appointed agents for prizes in the island of Jamaica, and of John George, Esq., and Mr. Robert Maxwell, in the same capacity for the Island of Providence. Dated 31 May 1698.
Minuted :—"Warr^ts^." 1 *page.*

May 31. 29. Warrant for the restoration of a French pinnace, with five half "anchors" of brandy, seized by the King's sloop the "Brilliant," and brought into the port of Dover. Dated 31 May 1698. ½ *page.*

May. 30. "Copy of the Attorney General's opinion concerning the Comm^rs^, &c. taking ye oaths for acting in the business of hawkers & pedlars."
Indorsed :—"May 1698." 2 *pages.*

[About May or June.] 31. Memorial of Col. Nathaniel Blakiston, late Lieut.-Governor of the Island of Mountserratt in America, and captain of a company of foot in the regiment now commanded by Col. Holt, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. About two years before, he had presented a memorial, praying payment of his arrears, which had been reported on. Major Garth when sent to Barbadoes was cleared the entire pay, and Capt. Norton, lately appointed Lieut.-Governor of St. Christophers, had received 200*l.* in part of his arrears, and the petitioner was a captain before either of them, and had not since the "reducement" been provided with any other post; prays for payment of the subsistence part of the arrear.
The copy of the petition referred to.
[Without date, but must be 1698, being two years after Earl Ranelagh's report, dated 13 May 1696.] 2 *pages.*

June 1. 32. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several surgeons of disbanded regiments, for half pay or for their arrears; certifying that they amounted to 2,017*l.* 19*s.* 1½*d.*, besides the arrears of which he had no account. Dated 1 June 1698.
Minuted :—"Read 21 7^br^ 1698. My Lords have already given order in this." 3 *pages.*

June 1. 33. Report of the same to the same, on the memorial of Brigadier Wyndham, praying payment of the stoppages made in England on account of his regiment of horse, to enable him and his officers to clear the notes they had drawn, &c. Admitting that the case was deplorable, and recommending it to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 1 June 1698. (One enclosure.)
Minuted :—"My Lord Ranelagh will make an acc^o^ of all in the same case." 2 *pages.*

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June 1. 34. Report of the same to the same, as to the case of the citizens of Chester, there being a debt due to them for 733*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, for subsisting Capt. Tweddall's company of invalids. Dated 1 June 1698. (One enclosure.)

Also copy of the same report, with the *following Minutes on the back:*—

"To be layd before ye King, with my Lords' opinion that the King in justice ought to pay this money & recover it from the officer & agent."

"23 May '99. My Lords think this money must be supplyed of common justice."

"Read 26 May 1699."

"Some unappropriated money to be applyed to pay the citizens, but the sum must be stopt out of the officers' pay, as soon as it can be done." 3 *pages.*

June 2. 35. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the states of the accounts. Dated 2 June 1698. ½ *page.*

June 4. 36. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Mazzin, a poor distressed Frenchman, who had lost his ship, the materials of which he sold for about 100*l.*, which money was seized by the surveyor of Plymouth, being shipped contrary to law; not objecting to their Lordships' compassion to him, so as the officer did not lie under discouragement for his good service. Dated 4 June 1698. (Two enclosures.) 4 *pages.*

June 7. 37. Letter of the Lord Justices of Ireland to Mr. Fox. He would see by the enclosed petition of the agent of the late Brigadier Wolsley's regiment of horse, and the report of Mr. Robinson thereon, that the officers and troopers of the said late regiment had been accounted with in money and debentures for the full of the off-reckonings and clearings due to them on the present establishment; and without the King's favour it would be deducted out of the Brigadier's personal pay: they ask him to represent the same for relief. Dated 7 June 1698.

Also the copy of the petition and report referred to.

The report is *minuted:*—"W^t sent to ye K." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 7. 38. Letter of the same to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending to their consideration the petition of Mr. Robinson, the deputy Receiver-General of Ireland, who had advanced 8,488*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* to Mr. Edw. Hoar of Cork, for the use of the navy: further desiring their Lordships to move the King for the allowance of 1,000*l.* paid to the Marquis of Winchester. Dated 7 June 1698. (Two enclosures.) 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 7. 39. Letter signed W. Popple, to William Lowndes, Esq., communicating the opinion of the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, that the money ordered to be sent to Newfoundland

1698. should be put into the hands of Capt. Norris, commander of the squadron proceeding thither; also that Master-gunner Hux ord should be made commissary or store-keeper of provisions. Dated 7 June 1698.

Minuted:—"Carry this to Kensington."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 184, 8 June 1698, is:—

"The Earle of Ranelagh is to appoint Mr Huxford to take care of disposing the provisions as comissary to Newfoundland, as in the memll of this day. His Lordp is to pay 1,000li to Capt. Norris, commander of the squadron mentioned in the same memoriall." 1½ *pages.*

[About June 8.] 40. Petition of Mary Duchess of Buckingham, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for an order that she might receive 900*l.* out of the revenue of the Post Office, being the residue of 1,100*l.* granted to her under the King's warrant. Recd 8 June '98. [*i.e.* this paper.]

Minuted:—"Read 29 Jun. '98. 200li more out of the fond for ye civil list." 1 *page.*

June 9. 41. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of Patrick Magawly, Esq., to the King, praying to be put into possession of several lands therein mentioned, pursuant to the articles on the surrender of Limerick. Dated 9 June 1698.

The petition and three other enclosures. 7 *pages.*

June 9. 42. Order in Council on the petition of Peter Carey, Esq., one of the jurates of the Royal Court in Guernsey, employed by the Estates of that island, to present to His Majesty the difficulties they lie under by subsisting and lodging the garrison there; praying payment of about 1,344*l.* due for subsisting six companies of Col. Mordant's regiment, and that for the future the island might be exempted from such charges: referring the same to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 9 June 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 11 8br '98. The qurs [*i.e.* quarterers] are now p̃d." 2½ *pages.*

June 9. 43. Petition of Thomas Kent, receiver-general of the last year's aids of 3*s.* and 1*s.* and of subsidies for the county of Lincoln and city and county of the city of Lincoln, praying that the Mint at York might be directed to pay 600*l.*, the balance due to him of 15,636*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* from old hammered money delivered in to be coined in June 1697. Dated 9 June '98. 1 *page.*

June 9. 44. Copy of an address of the House of Lords to the King, deprecating the growing manufacture of cloth in Ireland, and seeking the encouragement of the linen manufacture there. Dated 9 June 1698. 1 *large page.*

June 10. 45. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Thomas, Lord Wharton, controller of the King's

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household. Mr. Hugh Watson, a merchant of Stockton, who was employed by his Lordship to manage his lead works in the North, had sent a considerable parcel of lead to Holland, and afterwards withdrew there himself, being very greatly indebted to his Lordship and having converted the goods into merchandise, had sent the same to Newcastle, whereupon his Lordship possessed himself of the same and was anxious to obtain the ship also; not objecting to what was desired. Dated 10 June 1698.

Accompanied by a petition.

Minuted :—" Read 24 June '98. My Lords will not intermeddle with the property of any persons in this ship, but (upon consideration of this report) will grant a *noli prosequi* for the King's part. 2 *pages.*

June 11. 46. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Sawle, chaplain to Col. Stanley's regiment, praying payment of 30*l.* or 40*l.* in part of his arrears, to enable him to pay the charges of passing the seals, &c., for a living lately conferred upon him; stating that upwards of 140*l.* was due to him. Dated 11 June 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted :—" 11 Aug^{t} '98. There is no provision yet made for these arrears." 2 *pages.*

June 11. 47. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Robert Davers, Bart., for a new lease for 60 years of premises between Somerset House stable yards and Duchy Lane in order to build handsome houses; approving of the grant for a fine of 100*l.*, reserving the old rent of 10*s.* Dated 11 June 1698.

Minuted :—" Agreed." 2 *pages.*

June 13. 48. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the grant of the impropriate tithes which came to the King by the late rebellion or otherwise, for the use of such rural clergy as were not provided with a competent maintenance; in accordance with an application made to them by the bishops: sending the draft of a letter to give effect to the same, for the King's consideration. Dated 13 June 1698.

Minuted :—" Read 26 May 1699. To be examined." There is also an entry in the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 129, to the same effect. 6 *pages.*

[About June 14.] 49. Petition of Elizabeth Boson to the King. She was the distressed widow of Mr. Joseph Boson, who lived happily and plentifully at Exeter, and was wharfinger or key-master there at the King's arrival at Torbay, and took care of and gave despatch to the landing of the baggage, guns, and vast stores, which he sent to the King's quarters, esteemed at that juncture an extraordinary service, as was certified by the Duke of Shrewsbury and the Earl of Monmouth; for which service the King's enemies ruined her husband, who went to Barbadoes with a heart half broken, and there died a

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few days after his arrival; praying for a pension or present royal bounty.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 14 June 1698.

Minuted:—"18 Jun. '98. Give her new husb^{d} some little place ab^{t} Torbay." 1 *page.*

June 16. 50. Report of [Sir] Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Right Hon. Charles, Earl of Carlisle, praying a power by grant from the King, to sue for the personal estate of Sir John Fenwick, forfeited for high treason, to satisfy a debt due from Sir John to himself, &c.: in favour of the petitioner. Dated 16 June 1698.

Minuted:—"Granted, except the arreares of the rent-charge granted to the King's coachman."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 16. 51. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Ayleway, praying for continuance of the respite of so much of the arrears of rent due from the petitioner to the King, as was not granted to Thomas Keighley, Esq., or any other; and that it might be certified to their Lordships how much would remain due to the petitioner of his debt of 672*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* Dated 16 June 1698. (Five enclosures.) 9 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 16. 52. Letter of the same to the same, respecting the effect of a late Act (entitled an Act for making the collectors receipts for quit rent, crown, and other rents due to the Crown, full and legal discharges) on some patentee officers in the Exchequer, whose ancient fees might be prejudiced thereby. Dated 16 June 1698.

Also the address of the House of Commons thereon. 2 *pages.*

June 16. 53. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting Mr. Andrew Huddleston, collector of Whitehaven, as to his suspension: their opinion was that he should be dismissed for irregularities and ill practices, and they propose William Penson in his place. Dated 16 June 1698.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1¼ *pages.*

June 16. 54. Report of the same to the same, respecting the value of the King's moiety of the wines saved from the ship "Paradise," cast away on the Goodwin sands; referring also to the report of the 14th ult., on the petition of James de Peyrove. Dated 16 June 1698.

Minuted:—"Carry to Kensington. Read 22 Jun. '98. The 1,400^{li} to be p^{d} into y^{e} Excheq^{r} issued for secr. serv. & bro^{t} to ye K. to Kensington."

Also the copy of the report referred to. 3½ *pages.*

June 16. 55. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of John Blake of London, merchant, respecting the ship "St. George" of Ipswich, driven by storm to the coast of Holland, and then taken into the Weser, near Bremen, which ship subsequently brought over certain wool without a sufficient complement of English in her

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crew; recommending the relaxation of the duty. Dated 16 June 1698. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Agreed. Warr[t] signed 18 August 1698." 3½ *pages.*

June 17. 56. Report of the Com[rs] of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and papers relating to Captain Thomas Warren, commander of the King's ship "Windsor," and as to the value of the prize referred to in those papers, which prize was called the "St. George," and was sold at Cadiz. Dated 17 June 1698. (Seven enclosures).

Minuted:—"Read 22 Jun. '98. Com[rs] of Sick and Wounded to attend abt. this to morr. morn."

In his petition he says, that in sailing as commander-in-chief of a squadron for the service of the East India Company for St. Helena, his men fell sick, so that he had but 19 out of 280 who could come on deck, and the rest of the ships in as bad a condition: whereupon he was forced to bear away to Brazil, where they continued six weeks, and put 500 men on shore sick.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 190, 24 June 1698, is:—"Com[rs] of Sick & Wounded. Capt. Warren of ye Windsor is to pay the 6,300 dollars in his hands to ye Com[rs] of Prizes, who are to distribute it according to ye Act. And out of that part w[ch] wilbe rece[ive]d per ye Com[rs] of Sick & Wounded, he is to be allow'd the 360[l] for charges on sick men at "Rejonercah" [? Rio de Janeiro] according to ye Com[rs] report." 8 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

June 17. 57. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the proprietor of a parcel of lace and cambrick, seized by Mr. Ford; praying for delivery of the goods on payment of 336*l.*, &c.; leaving it to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 17 June 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"1 July 1698. Disagreed." 2 *pages.*

June 18. 58. An order signed by the Lords of the Admiralty, addressed "to the Com[rs] for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and taking care of Prisoners at War," commanding them to transmit a perfect account of all the ports made up for the care and cure of sick and wounded seamen, and of officers employed at each port; together with all books and papers relating to that office; and to give notice to the officers at the ports to correspond with the Com[rs] for Registering Seamen at their office on Tower Hill. Dated 18 June '98. 1 *page.*

June 20. 59. Memorial of the Com[rs] of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the deficiency of 1,746*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* received by several collectors in base money; praying that they might have allowance of the same on their accounts. Dated 20 June 1698.

Two other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 5 *pages.*

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June 20. 60. "The cert & meml of the (wthin written) Comrs for putting in execution an act for raisg 1,484,015*l.* 1*s.* 11¾*d.* for disbanding forces, paying seamen, &c.," as to the assessment of the inhabitants of Aldworth and Chilton in the division of Newbury, in the county of Berks, which were unequally assessed. Dated 20 June 1698 1 *membrane.*

June 20. 61. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury enclosing account of seizures, the King's part of which was not paid into the Exchequer. Dated 20 June 1698.
Accompanied by the account.
Minuted:—"22 Jun. '98. 2,500£ to be brot to Kensington as fast as it comes in." 5½ *pages.*

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June 21. 1. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Smith, widow, praying an order for the payment of the arrears due to her late husband as ensign in Colonel Mordaunt's regiment; finding that there were about 140*l.* due. Dated 21 June 1698. (One enclosure.)
Minuted:—"Read 28 Jun. '98. To be considered when others of the same nature can be considered." 2 *pages.*

June 21. 2. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Bridge, of London, merchant, and other owners of the ship "John and Barbara," as to the forfeiture of the ship, &c., in consequence of the shipment of certain pitch, which, under an Act of Charles II., was prohibited from importation from Germany or the Netherlands: in favour of the petitioner. Dated 21 June 1698.
Also an enclosure, consisting of copies of several documents.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 4 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 21. 3. Report of the same to the same, as to a shipment of masts, timber, &c., from Norway to Portsmouth, contrary to the Act of Navigation; recommending their Lordships' favour to be extended to the petitioners, as to the King's part of the forfeiture of the ship. Dated 21 June 1698.
Minuted:—"Read 22 June '98. Agreed." 6 *pages.*

June 22. 4. Letter signed Wm. Popple, to William Lowndes, Esq. It had been proposed that an allowance of 100*l. per ann.* out of the quit rents in Virginia, given for some years past to Mr. Blair, as commissary appointed there by the Bishop of London (which he had

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received by special warrant from the Lords of the Treasury), might be settled upon him as a yearly salary, and be appointed to be paid to him by the instructions preparing for Col. Nicholson, the Governor of Virginia; asks him to lay the same before the Lords of the Treasury, to learn whether they had any objection. Dated 22 June 1698.

Also the copy of the proposal.

Minuted:—"Read 7 7br '98. To Mr Popple that my Lords have no objection. Eod die Lre writ & signed." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

June 22. 5. Representation of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, reviewing the management of that department since 1689, and showing that the Comrs had so gained credit that "the poor willing people so served the King & preserved his subjects, that they now had credit for above 60,000*l.*," making it their suit to their Lordships that Thomas Addison, Anthony Shephard, and Christopher Kirby, might make up and pass the accounts, might see the people justly paid and their own obligations discharged, and be continued to carry on the service. Dated 22 June 1698.

Accompanied by "A proposall humbly offered for the frugall and effectuall carrying on of the service in time of peace." Also, "The establishment and other charges in the office for Sick & Wounded Seamen," &c.

Minuted:—"To be consd at a full board." 3 *pages.*

June 22. 6. Estimate of the charge of transporting three regiments of foot, consisting of 600 men each, from Highlake to Ireland. Dated 22 June 1698. ½ *page.*

June 18 and 22. 7. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Lowndes. They had received a letter from one Giles Aynsworth, complaining on behalf of the masters and owners of ships, that Mr. Savage, of the Custom-house, exacted a guinea for each Mediterranean pass granted by virtue of a certificate from any out-port; they desire the matter might be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 18 June '98.

The copy of the letter and of the rule directing how such passes were to be granted. Also the reply of Richard Savage thereto, addressed to Mr. Lowndes, dated 22 June 1698; and an unsigned letter referring the matter to the Comrs of Customs.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 190, 24 June 1698, is:—"My Lords will hear the complt wch concerns Mr Savage at their first leisure." 3 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 23. 8. Order in Council made upon consideration of a report of the Privy Council upon Mr. Baker's proposals for preventing the exportation of wool from Romney Marsh and parts adjacent, and hindering the importation of foreign silks; authorising the quartering of some dragoons in Romney Marsh and parts adjacent, according to the method and regulation settled by Mr. Blathwayt, Secretary of

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War, and Mr. Baker. Two troops of dragoons were to be quartered in Kent, viz., one at Canterbury, and the other at Ashford: and it was ordered "that for y^e^ encouragem^t^ of y^e^ souldiers and y^e^ landlords of the houses that quarter them, there be an allowance of about two pence *per diem* to each dragoon of y^e^ troop at Ashford." Dated 23 June 1698. 1 *page.*

June 23. 9. Copy of Order of Council for dissolving the Commission for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and instruction for reconstituting the same. Dated 23 June 1698. 1 *page.*

June 23. 10. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the states of the accounts, asking their Lordships to direct the payment of 40,799*l.* 12*s.* 10½*d.*, the remainder of 50,799*l.* 12*s.* 10½*d.*, to complete the 10 *per cent.* allowance on the third contract: they craved of their Lordships that effectual means might be used, to discover and punish the authors of eight counterfeit bills, reported on by Mr. Clayton and Mr. Herne in two reports. Dated 23 June 1698.

Also one of the reports referred to. Dated 8 June 1698. 4 *pages.*

June 24. 11. Copy of a report of Mr. Chas. Fox on the petition of Major William Culliford, late major of the Royal regiment of dragoons, for allowance of his pay; copied from "the original in Cha^s^ Fox, Esq^r^, his office," and certified 24 June '98. 1 *page.*

June 24. 12. "Account of contingencies that have been payd on severall occasions in the giveing out of licences to hawkers & pedlers, for a year, from 24 June 1697 to 24 June 1698." 1 *page.*

June 24. 13. "Debt to y^e^ office of y^e^ workes to Midsumer 1698. Remaines due to severall persons in y^e^ office of y^e^ workes att Christmas, 1697," &c.

More due, from Christmas 1697 to Midsummer 1698. 1 *page, brief size.*

June 24. 14. Petition of John Gachon to the King, to be remembered in the civil list for his pension of 100*l.* a year, and to be paid his four years' arrears.

Minuted:—"24 June '98. To be laid before y^e^ King." 1 *page.*

June 25. 15. Letter signed "Conningsby, Cha. Fox, & William Blathwayt." They had considered the several particulars mentioned in the letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the army debt in Ireland, and then made their report thereon. Dated 25 June 1698.

The report recommends that the King should give directions that the muster rolls should govern the payments, and that the officers should produce them. It was unlikely they were all missing, as there should be three signed at every muster, one for the commissary, and one to remain with each company: that the King should supply the want of a day in the establishment for the leap year by

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a particular warrant: that the King should direct that in making up the accounts of the four regiments, raised in the year 1694, they should give credit to such as were raised in England, at 8*d.* a day for each private soldier, to the time of their landing in Ireland: that the days on which the regiments were disbanded be allowed: that the officers of the ordnance in England and Ireland be required to lay before their Lordships the particulars of the charge they have against each regiment, that the King might declare what portion should be borne by the forces: and that the forces be charged with the provisions delivered to them in their passage as usual, viz., 12*d.* a day for each trooper and his horse, 9*d.* for each dragoon and his horse, and 4*d.* for each foot soldier.

Also the letter referred to. $5\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

June 25. 16. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Whitwood, praying to be restored to his late collection of the port of Deal, or to be removed to Chichester: if their Lordships did not see cause in their memorial of the 17th ult. to discharge him, they did not object to his removal to Chichester. Dated 25 June 1698.

The petition and seven other documents, five of which are in duplicate. One of them is a paper containing an account of a drunken brawl arising out of a seizure, when it was suggested that they should taste the wine, it being the first that had been seized since the peace.

Minuted:—"1 July 1698. My Lords will speak with the Com^rs^. Agreed." $17\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*

June 27. 17. Presentment of the same to the same, sending the copy of an information which they had received from their agent in Scotland, concerning several ships of great burthen to be sent from thence, with a great number of soldiers and tradesmen, and all sorts of commodities and provisions, designed, as was supposed, for the north parts of America. It seemed by the sending four governors or counsellors upon the said ships that the Scotch were making some settlements in those parts, which was of great moment with respect to the trade and navigation and the revenue of customs, and therefore the Com^rs^ brought the matter under their Lordships' notice. Dated 27 June 1698.

Accompanied by the "information."

Minuted:—"Read 28 Jun. 1698. To be layd before ye K. to morr." 2 *pages.*

[This was no doubt the Scotch East India Company who formed a settlement at Darien called New Edinburgh in Caledonia.]

June 28. 18. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the debt in the office of works. They were fitting up the Banqueting-house at Whitehall for a chapel, and a scaffold was ordered in Westminster Hall for the trial of the persons impeached by Parliament, &c. Dated 28 June '98. 1 *page.*

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[? About June 28.] 19. Copy of report of Mr. Aaron Smith, to the Lords Justices, on the petition of Mr. Owen Banahan, who had rendered the King service in France, and had received two guineas and afterwards 30*s.* a week for subsisting himself and family up to April 1696; informing their Excellencies that he had for bread done duty as a common sentinel, notwithstanding he had rendered considerable service to the government, in giving a list of many scores of English, Scots, and Irish, in France, with their respective employments, and was a witness, &c., against persons indicted for high treason, &c., some particulars of which it gives.

Also the petition, having a list of the persons outlawed.

Minuted:—"Read 28 Jun. 1698. Hen. Baker will pay him 25^{li} or 30^{li}."

[They are probably enclosures to some paper for the year 1698.] 3 *pages.*

June 28. 20. Report of [Sir] Tho. Trevor, on the case of the South Division of the Lathe of Aylesford, in the county of Kent; recommending a reassessment of the land in that district to raise the assessment of 3*s.* in the pound. Dated 28 June '98. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*), *torn.*

June 28. 21. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. Horses, arms, ammunition, and other provisions of war, to and from Holland, Scotland, and Ireland, had by warrant of 1689, passed duty-free for the King's service; but the war having now determined, there was still frequent occasion for transporting the same; praying directions. Dated 28 June 1698.

Minuted:—"29 June '98. Dorm^{t} w^{t} to be revoked." 1 *page.*

[? About June 28.] 22. Petition of Sybill Carew, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury. Her late husband John Carew served the King as lieutenant 16 years in Holland, came over with him to England, and went thence with him into Ireland, as lieutenant to the Right Hon. the Lord Cutts; and being much wounded before Limerick, died of his wounds in three days; prays for a monthly pension or a sum of money, until the emergencies of the State were over, when she could receive her full due.

Minuted:—"Read 28 Jun. '98. My Lords cannot give a pension, but for what is due to her, will consider her case when others in the same circumstances can be paid." 1 *page.*

[? About June 29.] 23. Memorial of the Earl of Argyle to the King, as to the payment of the troop of Scots guards under his command, viz., for their subsistence due for the year 1697.

Minuted:—"Read to the K. 29 Jun. '98. Care will be taken that it shall be paid when the Parliam^{t} provides for postpond debts." 1 *page.*

[? About June 29.] 24. Petition of John Dobbin, Esq., and Richard Cam, gent. There was due to them as clerks of the fines at Ludlow, as their

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fee of 20*l.* *per ann.*, 120*l.* for six years, to Christmas 1697; they ask for payment.

Minuted:—"29 June '98. Inq^{r} whether this office doth not belong to the Court that is suppressed.—A warr^{t} for 2 yeares."

Certificate as to the amount due. 1½ *pages.*

June 30. 25. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Philips Coote, praying, in consideration of his losses and sufferings by the rebellion in Ireland, for an annuity of 100*l.* a year; stating that he was paid 100*l.* by warrant of *concordatum;* but leaving it to the King's wisdom as to a yearly pension. Dated 30 June 1698.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

June 30. 26. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Jarman and others, mariners of Yarmouth, praying discharge of their ships seized for delivery of coals without payment of the new duty; advising that they deserved favourable consideration. Dated 30 June 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed upon reas^{ble} satisfaction to y^{e} officer. Warr^{t} signd 18 Aug^{t} 1698." 2 *pages.*

June 30. 27. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for directions in respect of the Alien duty, commonly called the Petty custom, which in the port of London had amounted to 2,600*l.*; observing that the keeping a proportionable distinction between English and aliens in the several new duties, would be a further advantage to his Majesty's subjects, and an encouragement to the English navigation. Dated 30 June 1698.

On the dorse are three minutes, the last of which is:—"1° Sept^{r} '98. The report of the King's counsell is read: Lords order the deposit to be restored." 1 *page.*

[? About June.] 28. Petition of Athanasius Bourne for a tide-waiter's place.

Also two enclosures.

Accompanied by two testimonials dated in June 1698. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

July 5. 29. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the prosecution of Captain John Hartnell, commander of the ship "Lewis," prize, by one George Everet, for certain French wines by him imported as Spanish wines in the said ship; informing their Lordships that the captain had compounded for the duties and the informer had been recompensed, &c. Dated 5 July 1698. 1½ *pages.*

[? About July 5.] 30. Petition of William Davey to the Lords of the Treasury, for a King's-waiter's or land-waiter's place.

Also copy of a certificate in his favour.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 5 July '98. 12 Aug^{t} '98. To be considered when there is a vacancy." 2 *pages.*

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July 6. 31. Report of [Sir] Thomas Trevor, Attorney General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Otho, Baron of Schwerin, praying a grant of such interest as the King by his prerogative had, in certain lands in Monmouthshire, which the petitioner, who was an alien, desired to sell. Dated 6 July 1698.

Minuted :—"To the surv^r to make a state of the premisses to be granted."

Accompanied by a petition and a letter. 5 *pages.*

July 6. 32. Letter of the Earl of Galway to the Lords of the Treasury, sending his petition for the King's consideration, together with the best account that could be given of the value of what he desired of the King. The petition prays for a grant of the King's right to the lands, mortgages, and debts [of Sir Patrick Trant] mentioned in an annexed list, or to so much thereof as would amount to 2,500*l.* *per ann.* Dated 6 July 1698.

An order referring the petition to the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland; their report thereon; and the list of the lands. 13 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 7. 33. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland, enclosing the report of the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland, on the petition of the Marquis Puissar; touching the value of the lands desired by the petitioner, others granted to him being deficient and not amounting to 607*l.* 13*s.* 5½*d.* yearly, more particularly the lands of Castle-Ishin. Dated 7 July 1698.

Also a previous report of the Lords Justices, and another of the Com^rs of Revenue, and two petitions of the Marquis.

One of the latter *minuted :*—"The list to be pass^d accord. to ye report." In addition to which is a paper entitled "Value of the particulars in the Marquis of Puissar's reprisalls." 9 *pages and* 5 *halves.*

July 7. 34. "Memoriall from the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, for a warrant for allowing the taxes assessed on y^e inferiour officers." Dated 7 July 1698.

Minuted :—"Allowed. W^t signed 23 Aug^t 1698." 1 *page.*

July 7. 35. An abstract of the accounts of Edward, late Lord Griffin, late Treasurer of the Chamber, from Michaelmas 1683, to which time his accounts are declared and passed, to the 30th of May 1689, when Sir Rowland Gwynn succeeded him in that office. Dated 7 July 1698. [? The time when they were audited.]

Minuted :—"Read 13 July '93 (*sic*). The estate to be prosecuted for this debt, and the money to be recoverd to be reserved in the Exchequ^r for the King's owne disposale, but his Ma^ty will have consideration of Coll. Leigh and the just fees due to the aud^rs for these acco^ts are to be satisfied before this mo. be disposed." 1½ *pages.*

July 7. 36. Memorial of the Trustees for Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the states of the accounts; asking payment of 41,299*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.* due to complete the 10 *per cent.* allowance on

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the 3rd subscription; further alluding to the reports of Mr. Clayton and Mr. Herne, on counterfeited Exchequer bills, and praying means might be used for discovery of the authors. Dated 7 July 1698. 1 *page.*

July 8. 37. Accompt of debts owing by the Victualling Office, to the last of June 1698. Dated 8 July 1698. 2 *pages.*

July 8. 38. Account of moneys received from the Treasurer of the Navy, for the service of the victualling thereof, between the 12 May 1697 and 8 July 1698. 2 *pages.*

July 8. 39. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Beaulieu, widow of Isaac Beaulieu, late land-waiter in the port of London; praying that the place might be conferred on Daniel Moreau, her kinsman, to relieve Beaulieu's family; stating that they did not object to his fitness, but their Lordships' compassionate intentions might be answered, if an experienced keyman were appointed, and 30*l.* or 40*l.* *per ann.* were taken out of his salary for a term of years; but they were not insensible to the inconvenience of such pensions out of salaries, with which that establishment was already too much burdened. They conceived the case deserved compassion, for Mr. Beaulieu and his family fled from persecution in France, and he distinguished himself in King James's reign by not complying with the questions put upon the officers of the customs, &c. Dated 8 July 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Aug. 1698. Dan^ll Moreau to have this place."

The petition and another petition unaddressed. 3 *pages.*

[About July 8.] 40. "Schedule (marked A.) containing the draft of the charter for the general society mentioned in the commission, to which this schedule is annexed, and whereunto the same hath reference."

The object of the charter was to incorporate a society or company to receive subscriptions in sums not less than 100*l.* towards raising and paying into the Exchequer two millions of pounds, on which 8*l.* *per cent.* interest was to be allowed.

Referred to the Attorney and Solicitor General on 8 July 1698. It has a brief report on the dorse approving it. Signed Tho. Trevor and Jo. Hawks.

[The commission above referred to is not now annexed.] 34 *pages* (*brief size*).

[? About July 8.] 41. Petition of Gilbert Edwards, late exempt in the 2d troop of Guards, commanded by his Grace the Duke of Ormond, showing that there was a debt of 400*l.* and upwards due from Sir Patrick Trant, whose estate was given to the Earl of Galway, about five years before, on whom the King had given an order for the payment of the same; but the petitioner could not obtain payment thereof; praying for a pension or for half-pay.

Minuted:—"8^th July 1698. To be laid before the King."

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1698. In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 213, 10 Nov. 1699, is:—"Gilbert Edwards. The K. orders that my Lords remind my Lord Galway of his promise to disch[a] the pet's debt in case S[r] P. Trant's estate should be granted to his Lo[p]." 1 *page.*

[? About July.] 42. Another petition from him, thanking the King for the 30*l.* in money, and that he was to have the benefit of Chelsea Hospital, but the allowance there was only 12*d.* a day, which he conceived was less than the King intended. He was willing to serve in the Guards as a private gentleman, or accept half-pay without duty, or a small pension of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, or acquiesce under whatever the King thought meet for his support. Without date, but supposed to be about July 1698 by the previous petition.

Minuted:—"Ordered that Mr. Crawford give notice when there is a vacancy, & that Capt. Edwards be put into it." ½ *page.*

[About July 9.] 43. Petition of Sir Matthew Bridges, Knt., to the King, showing that he and Mr. Robert Bridges were bound to Mr. Patrick Dowdall for 700*l.*, of which 300*l.* had been paid. Mr. Dowdall was concerned in the rebellion in Ireland and forfeited; praying for a grant of the remainder of the bond on account of his losses by the rebellion.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 9 July 1698. 1 *page.*

[About July 9.] 44. Petition of Patrick French, Esq., of Cloghballimore in the county of Galway in Ireland, to the King; setting forth his services, and praying a grant of the lands forfeited by his brother Christopher French, who died in rebellion, and of whose lands the petitioner was likely to be deprived by the act for confirming outlawries.

Without date, but referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 9 July 1698.

Also copies of two certificates by Lieut.-General Ginckell on behalf of the petitioner. 3 *pages.*

July 10. 45. Letter of Lord Bellomont to the Lords [of the Treasury]. He had written an account at large, by the agent for this province (who went to England by way of Boston) of his proceedings in relation to the trade there, and of his motives for suspending Mr. Brooke the collector. He desired their Lordships to suspend the hearing of Mr. Brooke's affair till the agent's arrival, who could not be long after Mr. Brooke's. He heard Mr. Brooke took certificates from the merchants of his good behaviour; if so they would rather incline their Lordships in their opinion, that the late Governor and he were in confederacy with the merchants, who would make a last effort to have the best of him, that they might be without control, as in the last government. In order to baffle the King's authority there, Mr. Randolph was arrested in this town a little while since, upon a sham action of one Symes, whom Col. Fletcher gave leave to be master of a ship, and to be absent from his post of Lieutenant of one of the companies in the King's

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pay, for four years together, in a time of war, &c. Mr. Randolph and the writer having a "jealousie" that Symes was put on arresting him by Brooke and Nichols (both of whom were suspended from the council), Symes was questioned, but would not admit it, &c. If the King's authority were not supported, he (the Governor) must desire to be recalled, and he believed Mr. Randolph would make the same request, for he was very uneasy at the affront put on him. The merchants were exasperated against the writer, because he would not do as the late Governor did, and because he discouraged the pirates, having prevented eight pirate ships from coming to the town in three months; and it was part of their common discourse, that he had ruined the town, by hindering privateers (as they called pirates) from bringing in 100,000*l.* since his arrival. Dated N. York, 10 July '98.

Minuted:—"Read 13 Oct. '98."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 23, 16 Nov. 1698, is:—"All my Lord Bellom^{ts} papers to be sent to C. of Customes to peruse & make observac̃ons & report to my Lords."

And again at p. 50, 28 Dec. 1698:—"A lr̃e to my L^{d} Bellom^{t} that my L^{ds} have rec^{d} his sev^{ll} pacquets & are extreemly pleased wth his proceedings, and that my Lords will putt ye matters under exa[minat]ion & give all the assistance & incouragem^{t} that is in their power." 2½ *pages* (*quarto*).

July 11. 46. Report of Sir Chr. Wren, Surveyor of Works, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the churchwardens of St. Margaret's, Westminster; praying a warrant to have the clock-house and bell sold for the use of their poor. Houses or little tenements had risen by connivance, from booths, and were so built about the tower, that it could neither be repaired nor pulled down, without a strong scaffold; the present tenants, though forewarned very often of the danger, willingly ran the risk of their lives, because for that reason they paid little or no rent. About 18 years before, a design had been given to King Charles, and seconded by the Lord Chief Justices and other eminent lawyers, to new-case it with ashler, and to put a lantern upon it, to raise the bell higher, and to make a new clock, the estimate being about 1,500*l.* He questioned whether the materials of the tower would pay for the scaffold and damages that might happen to the houses, &c. He estimated the bell (called in the petition Great Tomm of Westminster) to be worth 149*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; viz., two tons weight, at 8*d.* a pound; it was a large but thin bell, of excellent tone, and if it should amount to three tons, it would amount at most to 224^{li}. Their Lordships are the best judges how the petitioners might be relieved. He finishes with this remark, "yet pardon your surveyor if out of duty, he modestly aske, whither it be better to pull downe a public building, upon so small a consideration, or to repare it with advantage to the beauty of the towne; which would most certainly be done in any of our neighbour countries, who are more sensible than wee, that to

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Minuted :—"11 July 1698. The K. will give this to the poor of Westm[r]."

Also the petition and note referring it to Sir Chr. Wren.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 26, 17 April 1700, is :—"The ground of the late clock-house to be leased for 31 years at a moderate rent, to the inh[abitan]ts of St. Margarett's, on their petic̃on." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 12. 47. Report presented to the Lords of the Treasury, by Lionel Herne and Nicholas Baker, who were appointed to go down to Bedford gaol, and examine three persons in custody there, for disposing of counterfeit Exchequer bills, and upon suspicion of counterfeiting the same. Dated 12 July 1698.

Containing their interrogatories to the prisoners and others, and their replies.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 203, for this date :—

"Nic. Baker, M[r] Hern, M[r] Clayton, & M[r] Everard. They present a report of the discovery of those that counterfeited Exchequ[r] bills. Johnson & Wiseman to be sent for up by *h[ab]eas corpus*." 3 *pages.*

[About July 12.] 48. Report of Mr. Henry Baker, on the petition of Mary Bishop, certifying that the petitioner was wife of one of the lately executed pirates; recommending that certain plush for which she asked should be given to her.

Also the petition.

"Recd. 12 July '98. Read 21 7[br] '98. Ordered. W[t] signed 7[th] Octo. 1698." 2 *pages.*

July 12. 49. Presentment of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, proposing to establish more officers, and to make some small additions to the salaries of others, within various of the western ports, members, and creeks; in consequence of the increase of trade since the peace, and the high duties on most sorts of commodities. Dated 12 July 1698. 2 *pages.*

July 12. 50. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Armoux de Bourbon, Marquis of Miremont, praying their Lordships to order prosecution to be stopped, and the delivery of two hogsheads of wine seized. They would not object to a writ of delivery by the Court of Exchequer, upon payment of the customs and satisfaction of the officer. Dated 12 July 1698. 2 *pages.*

July 12. 51. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Roger Laming, of Margate, in the Isle of Thanet, hoyman, for satisfaction to be entered upon a judgment obtained against him in the Court of Exchequer for a parcel of prohibited

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goods; stating the facts as they came out at the trial, and leaving it to their Lordships. Dated 12 July 1698.
Minuted:—"Read 16 Aug. '98. The petition is rejected."
Accompanied by the petition and four other papers. 6 *pages.*

July 13. 52. Petition of Hugh Speke to the King. He had advanced to the King 5,000*l.* and had received but two 50*l.* Begs a grant of 2,000*l.* to pay his debts. Dated 13 July 1698.
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 44, 14 Dec. 1698, is:—"Mr Hugh Speke to have 50*l.* bounty, & another 50li 2 or 3 mohs hence." 1 *page.*

July 13. 53. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Loyd, widow, who had been deprived of a *custodiam* of lands of Alexander Eustace, of Ballycolane; recommending that her prayer be granted, viz., to be allowed 25*l.*, being the remainder of her debt of 400*l.*, out of forfeited lands undisposed of. Dated 13 July 1698.
Minuted:—"2 Nov. '98. To be layd before ye K." 2½ *pages.*

July 13. 54. Letter, signed "John Digby," addressed to James Walsingham, as to a fee-farm rent of 20*l.* *per ann.* out of West Dereham, in the co. of Norfolk. Dated 13 July 1698. 10 *lines.*

July 14. 55. Letter, signed William Ashurst, to William "Lownes," Esq., secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a list of forfeited lands of Col. Charles Geoghean's forfeited estate in King's County and others, amounting to about 400*l.* *per ann.*; begging him, when he saw a convenient opportunity, to move their Lordships to consider his petition, and that he would in the interim prevent the estates from being given away, &c. Dated 14 July 1698. 4½ *pages.*

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July 18. 1. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying the King's pleasure that 500*l.* should be paid to Mr. Paul Methuen, his envoy extraordinary at Lisbon, as was allowed him by the King's privy seal on account of his equipage. His Majesty thinking this allowance so much the more reasonable, since the late envoy, his father, had made no demands for the charge of his return from Portugal, nor had anything been given to the son to carry him thither. Dated 18 July '98.
Minuted:—"30 Apr. 1700. Respited."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 36, for that day, is:—"Mr Methuen 500li. Respited." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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July 18. 2. The establishment of the four regiments of marines to be commanded by Col. William Seymour, Col. Edw. Dutton Colt, Col. Henry Mordaunt, and Col. Thomas Brudenall, to commence from 1 Aug. next, under the royal sign manual, as well as the signatures of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 18 July 1698. (Duplicate.)

Also copy of the regulation of subsistence to be paid weekly for the use of those regiments from the same day. 2 *pages.*

July 18. 3. Three papers, marked A, B, and C, the first entitled "A list of papers to be laid before His Majesty," with this memorandum in Mr. Lowndes' hand:—"Read to the King at Kensington, 18 July 1698." The second headed, "An additional schedule of petitions and papers to be laid before His Majesty." And the third, "A list of reports and other papers relating to Ireland, to be laid before His Maty," with this memorandum:—"Read by His Maty, 18 July 1698."

These contain abstracts of about 140 petitions and reports, against each of which, in the margin, is the minute of what the King ordered to be done; also in Mr. Lowndes' hand.

With these is a smaller paper, also in Mr. Lowndes' hand, containing copies of the same minutes. *Three very large pages (one torn) and* 1¼ *pages of smaller size.*

July 18. 4. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, as to abuses committed in the New Forest in embezzling wood, &c. Dated 18 July '98. With an enclosure. 2 *pages.*

[About July 18.] 5. A paper, without title, commencing abruptly, consisting of resolutions as to the supply of the household, allowances to the cofferer and other officers.

Minuted:—"Read 18 July '98. The K. approves this." 1 *page.*

July 18. 6. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Rowe, and on directions from their Lordships, to examine what employment he was qualified for; advising that as he had some legal attainments he would make a good assistant to Mr. Baker, if he should require help. Dated 18 July 1698.

Minuted:—"A letter, taking notice of their report of his capacity, and Mr Baker wanting noe assistance; direct them to present him to my Lds for a suitable place under them, upon a vacancy."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 18. 7. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Chamberlain and John Tidecombe of London, merchants, praying that a *noli prosequi* to the information exhibited against them might be entered; referring to their former report on the same subject, since which a licence of the Court of Exchequer to compound had been brought; viz., by paying a third, being upwards of 400*l.*: the King was entitled to an equal fine, unless their Lordships should remit it. Recommending the petitioners to their Lordships' favour. Dated 18 July 1698.

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The petition, the report referred to, and a certificate.
Minuted:—"Agree with the report. W^t signed 10^th Nov^r 1698."
5 *pages*.

[About July 20.] 8. Petition of Robert Sakar to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of 40*l*. for apprehending and prosecuting one Richard Jeovon and others, for counterfeiting the current coin.
Also an order thereon. Dated 20 July 1698. 2 *pages*.

July 21. 9. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the copy of their presentment of 27 June last, as to several ships of great burthen preparing to be sent with soldiers and tradesmen from Scotland, as was supposed for the northern parts of America. Dated 21 July 1698.
The copy of the said presentment and the copy of the letter of their agent at Leith, in reference to the same. He states that it was thought the vessels would touch at the Madeiras, and would go about the north of Scotland, where they would meet the ship "Rising Sun" coming from Rotterdam. They talked of Jamaica and Crab island lying 17 lat. east of Barbadoes, St. Thomas within three leagues of Golden island (*alias* St. Andrews) in America, upon the coast of Spain, 70 leagues from Jamaica to the southward, called the Spanish Indies. They also talked of Tobago, 11 or 12 degrees to the southward of Barbadoes, &c.
Minuted:—"Read."
[? The Darien expedition.] 3¼ *pages*.

July 22. 10. Memorial from the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, for a warrant to allow the collectors of excise certain losses on the reception of gold coin in their collections. Dated 22 July 1698.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page*.

July 26. 11. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, respecting money to pay the ships ordered on foreign voyages, and those ordered to be laid up. Dated 26 July 1698.
Minuted:—"Mem^d to take notice of ye last line when the Com^rs come." 1 *page*.

July 26. 12. Report of the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Langham, who had purchased certain goods and a ship, for the former of which he had paid to the Receiver-General of Prizes; but as he failed to pay for the latter, it was put up for sale again, and was sold at a loss of 160*l*. with which the petitioner was chargeable: informing their Lordships that they must prosecute him unless they ordered prosecution to be stopped. Dated 26 July 1698.
Also an enclosure.
Minuted:—"The pet^r to be relieved. W^t signed 27 7ber 1698."
2 *pages*.

July 26. 13. "Allowances to officers of the 2 Houses of Parliam^t, and what remains due thereon." Dated 26 July '98. 1 *page*.

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1698. [About July 27.] 14. Memorial of Captain Thomas Holt to the Lords of the Treasury. He arrived in the West Indies in May 1690, in the regiment of which the Duke of Bolton and Colonel Henry Holt were successively colonels, was in all the service against the French, and had lately returned to England for his health; from 1 April 1693 to that time, being five years and two months, he had received but 85*l.* subsistence; prays for part of the great arrear.

Minuted:—"27 June '99. The regim^{t} is cleer'd, if he has any demands they must be adjusted when M^{r} Tailder returns." 1 *page.*

July 28. 15. Certificate signed thus:—"Ex^{r} per Petrum Frowde, Dep. Cler. Pipæ," to the effect that William Mason, Esq., late sheriff of the county of Surrey, had, pursuant to an Act of 4 & 5 Will. & Mary, for encouraging the apprehension of highwaymen, paid 280*l.* to Thomas Baker and others for apprehending Peter Eaton, John Hunt, William Beere, Robert Allen, James Govers, Edward Allen, and Robert Martin, robbers on the highway; and pursuant to another Act of the 6th and 7th years, to prevent counterfeiting and clipping the coin, had paid Francis Midwinter and others 80*l.* for apprehending Stephen Bird and Mary Bevel, counterfeiters; finding that the sheriff had over-paid 355*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, for which he applied to their Lordships. Dated Pipe Office, 28 July 1698.

Minuted:—"Warr^{t} signd 9th Aug^{t} '98." 1 *page.*

[About July 30.] 16. Petition of Thomas Pullein, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. He was master of the studs for several years, upon which 850*l.* were due to him for his fee of 200*l.* *per ann.*; prays an order for payment.

Rec^{d} 30 July '98.

Minuted:—"Read 11 8br. 1698. Putt this amongst ye K's papers. My Lords will speak to the K. abt this place." Read 12 Jan. '98. 1 *page.*

[?July or Aug.] 17. Petition of Francis Stratford, merchant, to the King. Having dwelt many years at Hamburgh, he on several occasions advanced considerable sums for the King's service to the Electors of Saxony and Brandenburgh, and to the Duke of Holstein, particularly about 15 months before, when the Duke's troops could not proceed on their march for want of his arrears, and he advanced 12,500*l.* to the said Duke, only 9,375*l.* had been returned, without interest; prays payment of the principal and interest. Without date, but there is the following minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 38, under 2 Dec. 1698:—"3,500 for M^{r} Stratford's debt, to be p̃d out of ye 8th paym^{t} of the two m[illi]ons."

[A letter of 13 May 1697 (Vol. XLV., 35) also speaks of these services; this petition is probably of the date of July or Aug. 1698.] 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 18 and 19. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. John Cowley, late collector of Excise at Durham and Newcastle, for restoration to his employment, he having been dismissed for receiving certain allowances on the return

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of the money collected for Excise: advising his re-employment, Dated 4 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Aug. 1698. The Com^rs are to re-imploy him when they have occasion."

The petition and an affidavit relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 4. 20. "An estimate of y^e debt of His Ma^ties navy on the heads under-mentioned, as it stood on y^e 30^th June last past." Dated 4 Aug. 1698.

The heads are:—Wear and Tear, Seamen's Wages, Victualling, Sick and Wounded, Register Office. The total was 2,419,035*l.* 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 21. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning his warrants signed according to his desire; he almost thought it unnecessary to put him in mind of the tallies or payment he gave him leave to expect upon his (Mr. Blathwayt's) warrant of Secretary of State. It was what he designed for his "new subscription." Dated Loo, $\frac{4}{14}$ Aug. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 5. 22. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing an estimate of the debts of the navy. Dated 5 Aug. 1698.

[The estimate not now with it.] 1 *page.*

Aug. 6. 23. Copy (from the Prize Office book) of report on the petition of Captain James Moodie, who had given bond for 470*l.* 4*s.*, being the produce of two prizes, 266*l.* 14*s.* of which he refused to pay, alleging that Capt. Rigby detained certain sums for which the petitioner craved allowance. Dated 6 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"8 9br. '98. Allow the pticulars in Rigby's hands to Moody, & deliver up the bond, but Com^rs of Prizes must take care to prosecute Rigby. W^t signed 10^th Nov^r. 1698." 1 *page.*

Aug. 8. 24. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Phillip Middleton, certifying that the petitioner was carried away by the pirate Every, and his crew, and upon his return into Ireland he hastened to England and was principal evidence against those of the pirates who were executed; that he had petitioned for a reward, &c.: recommending him as a fit object for their Lordships' favour. Dated 8 Aug. 1698.

The petition, a letter, and an extract from the register of the Court of Admiralty of the conviction of Henry Adams, one of the pirates.

Minuted:—"21 7^br 1698. The pet^r to have w^t is not disposed to M^rs Bishop, she is to have ye velvet." [Mary Bishop was the wife of one of the pirates.] 7 *pages.*

[About Aug. 9.] 25. Petition of Patrick French, Esq., of Cloghballymore in the county of Galway in Ireland, in the same terms as that previously described of the date of 9 July 1698 (Vol. LIV., No. 44); praying to have the petition referred to the Lords Justices of Ireland.

"Rec^d 9^th Aug^t 98."

Minuted:—"Read 28 7br. 1698. Rejected, for the King would doe nothing in it." 1 *page.*

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Aug. 9. 26. "Report of the Board of Trade on the East India Comp^a being obliged to export goods of the growth, product, or manufacture of Great Britain," to the annual value of 100,000*l.*, which the Turkey Company complained of as prejudicial to their trade; stating they had been again called on to report their opinion, whether it would be to the advantage of the kingdom that the clause in reference thereto should be omitted from the new charter? or how it might be qualified for the improvement of trade, and the exportation of woollen manufacture? In reply, they inform the Lords Justices that the East India Company not having been able to vend in India the draperies they were obliged to carry there, had been forced to vend them in Persia, which had interfered with the Turkey Company, and this kingdom had received no advantage; they recommend that the proposal already submitted to the Lords of the Treasury, viz., to export a tenth part of the value of their whole exports [in woollen goods] should be accepted, and an obligation should be added that the draperies should not be vended in Persia. Dated 9 Aug. 1698. 2¾ *pages.*

Aug. 10. 27. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships' directions for the ease of the officers of the Customs, whose salaries did not exceed 60*l. per ann.*, and who were taxed for their salaries by the act of the last sessions. Dated 10 Aug. 1698.
Minuted:—"1^st Sep^r '98. Granted." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 10.] 28. Petition of Richard Amory to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be restored to his employment of land-waiter in the port of London.
Minuted:—"Rec^d 10^th Aug. '98. Rejected." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 29. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the appropriation of 89*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, which sum had been advanced upon the appraisement of certain wines and paid into the solicitor's hands, and was not properly applicable to any account of customs. Dated 10 Aug. 1698.
Minuted:—"1^st Sep^r '98. Agreed to." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 10.] 30. Petition of Yesyna O'Bryan, widow, for the payment of arrears, amounting to 148*l.* 17*s.* 5¼*d.*, due to her late husband, who died 28 Aug. 1697. (One enclosure.)
Minuted:—"10 Aug^t '98. There is no provision for this as yet." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 10. 31. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lownds, concerning the disallowance of the salaries of four extra clerks out of the funds of the navy, as the duty they performed was for the particular service of the Treasury. Dated 10 Aug. 1698.
Minuted:—"My Lords will speak w^th the Navy board ab^t this. 11 Aug. 1698. My Lords approve this retrenchm^t." 1 *page.*

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[About Aug. 10.] 32. "The particulars of the discovery late of William Adderly, proposed in the petition of Richard Heath, merchant," delivered in to the Lords of the Treasury. The discovery relates to a messuage called Cook Hall, and lands belonging, in the parish of Careswell in the co. of Stafford, and land near Cheadle.
Minuted:—"Ref. to ag[ts] for taxes." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 33. An account of tallies, malt lottery tickets, &c. remaining the 10th of August 1698 in the Treasurer of His Majesty's navy's hands unapplied. 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 34. Great wardrobe. A particular of several extraordinary provisions for His Majesty's service since Mich. 1697. Dated 10 Aug. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 10. 35. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Walsh of London, merchant, a debtor to the King for the impost on tobacco for upwards of 2,000*l.*, praying them to accept of so much as was already assigned in satisfaction of the debts; referring to the solicitor's report thereon, and advising that they could not discover any further security than what was already possessed. Dated 10 Aug. 1698.
The petition and the report of the solicitor thereon.
Minuted:—"1[st] Sep[r] '98. The petition is dismist." 4 *pages.*

[About Aug. 10.] 36. Petition of Nathaniel Booth, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the arrears of his salary as Surveyor of Fines, called Green Wax, estreated in the Court of Exchequer, might be satisfied. Received 10 August '98.
Also a certificate from the Pipe Office thereon. Dated 1 Aug. 1698.
Minuted:—"A warr[t] for the first two years to be p[ai]d at ye Excheq[r]." 2 *pages* (*decayed on the left margin*).

Aug. 10. 37. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Com[rs] for Victualling the Navy, relating to the "William," (hoy), seized and condemned at Sandwich; referring to their former memorial, in which they were jealous of collusion between the officer and the merchants to import the wines upon easier terms; also referring to their presentment, moving that the matter might be laid before the Court of Exchequer for a remedy; whereupon the King's attorney had leave to take the King's part in kind, or to have a new appraisement. The Com[rs] took it in kind and it sold for 50*l.*, being 12*l.* in advance of the appraisement. The vessel was omitted in the said motion, or it might have been 10*l.* or 15*l.* to the King's advantage. Dated 10 Aug. 1698.
Also the document referred to.
Minuted:—"Read 16 Aug. '98. My Lords can give no further direction in this." 6 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 38. Letter signed Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending by the King's command, a memorial of Lord Lucas, Governor of the

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Tower, which he had sent to the King; His Majesty's pleasure was that the 300*l.* therein mentioned should be repaid to him. Dated Loo, $\frac{11}{21}$ Aug. 1698.

Also the memorial. 1 *page and 5 lines.*

Aug. 11. 39. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes. Mr. Blathwayt had sent him the enclosed regulation of subsistence for the marine regiments, with the King's directions that it might be countersigned, as the establishment lately was. Dated 11 Aug. '98.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 224, 19 Aug. 1698, is:—"3 new marine reg^{ts} of Seymour, Colt, & Mordant to have 892. 3. 0. for 14 daies subs. end. 28 instant incl. out of 2 m^{ons} [millions]." 1 *page (quarto).*

Aug. $\frac{11}{21}$. 40. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, Secretary at War, to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a warrant signed by the King, granting a pension of 100*l. per ann.* to Lieut.-Col. Gilby, payable by the Earl of Ranelagh, for the signature of their Lordships. Dated Loo, $\frac{11}{21}$ Aug. 1698. 1 *page (quarto).*

Aug. 11. 41. Petition of Anne Bowtell, widow of William Bowtell, deceased, for the payment of 30*4l.* due on account of her husband's service, in redeeming English captives. Rec^{d} 11 Aug^{t} '98.

Minuted:—"50^{li} was ordered." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 11.] 42. Petition of John Hookes, George Coles, James Courthope, and Hicks Burrough, the four clerks who attended the service of the House of Commons. They had faithfully discharged their duties, but their incomes were barely sufficient to support them during the sessions, and in the intervals they had to live on their private fortunes; they pray for a grant of some employment, which would support them.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 11 Aug^{t} '98. There never are 4 places vac^{t} at a time, but y^{e} clerks to have y^{e} same allowance this year they had y^{e} last." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 12.] 43. Memoranda of disbursements made by his Majesty's consuls abroad in relieving distressed seamen.

Minuted:—"12 Aug^{t} 1698. To be p^{d} by tallies to ye Com^{rs} of sick & wounded seamen." 2 *pages.*

[About Aug. 12.] 44. Petition of Aaron Watts to the Lords of the Treasury. He kept a small victualling house in Wapping, at the time of Sir John Friend's execution for high treason, and was indebted to him 67*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* for beer and ale, and was unable to pay, owing to his having trusted the mariners of the King's ships, &c., for which there was a judgment of the Court of Exchequer against him; he had been also twice arrested by Captain Neale and Mr. Sturt, as partners of Sir John; prays a stop to proceedings, &c.

Rec^{d} 12 Aug^{t} '98.

Minuted:—"Read 8 Nov. '98. My Lords can doe nothing in this: these debts being due to others." 1 *page.*

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[? About Aug. 12.] 45. Petition of Luke Nightingale to the Lords of the Treasury. He had supplied Col. Windsor's regiment with regimental clothing; prays that the money might be paid out of the officers' half-pay, by reasonable monthly payments, to prevent his ruin. Received 12 Aug. '98.

Minuted:—"28th June 1698. [Thus in orig., but query a mistake for 1699.] Referred to Ea. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 12.] 46. Articles exhibited by Mr. Bauden against Mr. Dockwra for mismanagement of the penny post, &c.

Minuted:—"12 Aug. '98. His articles to be sent to M. Dockwra, and Dockwra to make answer in writing; then my Lords will hear both sides." 1 *page.*

Aug. 13. 47. "Navy lre to Mr. Lownds for navall stores for the Streight's squadron to pass custome free." Dated 13 Aug. '98.

Also an enclosure and a copy of a letter of the Comrs of Customs respecting the said stores.

Minuted:—"19 Aug. 1698. The warrt for this ship, and speak with the Comrs of ye Customs to make a future settlement in this matter." "1st Sepr '98. To apply as there is occasion." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 13. 48. Report signed "Hen. Baker," to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Wm. Nayler, now a prisoner in the common side of Newgate, who was indicted at Hicks's Hall for a trespass in going into a house near Tottenham High Cross, with an intention (as was supposed) to rob. Dated 13 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 6 8br 1698. My Lords do not see any reason to release this person." 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 49. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Giles Been, praying for directions to be given for the entry of a *noli prosequi.* It would be hard to insist on the forfeiture of the ship for so small a quantity of wine, and they would not object to any favour to the petitioner. Dated 15 Aug. 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"1st Sepr '98. Respited." Again:—"Ordered." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 50. Report of the same to the same, on the memorial of Mr. Villers, a searcher at Gravesend, approving the appointment of Mr. Middleton as his deputy, in place of Mr. Villers. Dated 15 Aug. 1698.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"1mo Septr. Agreed. Wt signed." 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 15. 51. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Jeffry Jeffries [or Jeffreys], Esq., and William Read, commander of the ship "Canterbury," from Cadiz, who had transgressed the navigation laws, in bringing goods from Algiers, as they said, by persuasion of the Dey and people there, to invite a trade with them. They would not object to the goods from Cadiz being entered, and the others

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The petition referred to, which always speaks of the ship coming from "Cales." Also another petition by the said Jeffreys.

Minuted:—"1st Sep. '98. To speak with Mr Attorney or Sollicitor Genl." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 52. Letter by command of the Lords Justices, transmitting the petition of Capt. Martin Laycocke, for directions and relief. Dated 16 Aug. 1698.

Also the petition, which shows that he went to Ireland with Duke Schombourgh, and was at the camp of Dundalke, and all the "balls" [? battles] and sieges in Ireland, and received four musket shot wounds, "to the great effusion of his blood and substance," for which he was ordered a pension of 100*l. per ann.* out of the Royal Oak Lottery, but could receive nothing till some of the former pensioners died; since which Lady Catherine Armstrong and Sir John Osborne died, their pensions being 300*l. per ann.;* he further raised a company in Lord Charlemont's regiment and borrowed the money to raise it: he marched the company 700 miles, not receiving his levy money for a year and a half, &c. He was then prisoner for these moneys, there being 985*l.* due to him; praying for so much of his arrears as would bring him out of that place, &c. Signed.

Minuted:—"Read 9th 7br. 1698. My Lords are not enabled at present to pay any part of this." And again:—"50li paid 16th Sepr '98, out [of] sec[ret] ser[vice] by order."

The minute for this payment is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 238, 15 Sept. 1698.

There is also another petition, and a schedule of what was due to him, &c.

Minuted:—"10 Aug. '98. The parliamt hath made no provision as yet for ye Irish arrears." 6 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 53. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the widow of the late Brigadier Edward Mathews, for payment of 572*l.* 2*s.* 9½*d.* due to her husband for arrears of pay and subsistence; admitting the same was due. Dated 16 Aug. 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"200li in part of ye mo[ney] due to her upon account to be paid out of loans on the poll." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 54. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, advising their Lordships as to what orders it would be necessary for them to give for the effectual putting in execution an Act passed in the last session to prevent the exportation of wool. They had written to the collector of Berwick, to make particular inquiries upon the Scotch borders, as to all roads and ways from England to Scotland between Berwick and Carlisle, &c.; further, they had sent a circular letter to the officers of the coast of Kent and Sussex,

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and when they received replies thereto, they would be better enabled to give an opinion; they had also been in correspondence with the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland. Dated 16 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Aug^t 1698."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 219, 16 Aug. 1698, is:—"Com^rs of ye Customes & M^r Baker. The order of Counsell of 23 Jun. '98, ag^t the owlers is read. The minutes are upon it. Instructions to be sent to ye Com^rs of Customes accordingly. My Lords discourse ye Com^rs upon a scheme of theirs for better guarding the coast round England. My Lords direct them to finish it & present the same to my Lords. M^r Sansom to bring a scheme of ye method practiced when the prohibition of French goods was first made." 1 *page.*

Aug. 16. 55. Report of Mr. John Sansom to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Ward, master of the ship "Yarmouth," who, whilst attending the royal navy in the Straights, had bought of the King's agent and Com^rs for Prizes at Cadiz, a parcel of prunelloes, which he brought from thence to England, and entered at Deal, and on their arrival at London they were seized as French goods, &c. Referring to proceedings thereon, and certifying that they were chargeable at the time of importation, with the old subsidy and the impost granted 4 & 5 Will. and Mar., which duties were appropriated, so that the petitioner was altogether without relief from the favour intended him, viz. the King's share of the forfeiture. Dated 16 Aug. 1698.

Accompanied by the case and the petition of the said Ward.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7br. 1698. My Lords can give noe further relief in this case." 6 *pages.*

June 23 to Aug. 16. 56. The second, third, fourth, and fifth reports presented to the Lords of the Treasury by Wm. Clayton and Lionel Herne, who were appointed to inquire into the matter of fact in respect to several Exchequer bills that appear to have been counterfeited.

The second report is *minuted*:—"23 Jun. '98. To be read at a full board."

To the fourth report there is a memorandum appended, that upon their Lordships' order directing Mr. Herne, when he went to Bedford gaol, to offer a pardon to any person concerned who should make a full discovery; he had assured James Wiseman *alias* Benjamin Cole of their Lordships' favour, he having been the first and principal occasion of their obtaining a perfect discovery. If their Lordships thought fit, he might be the principal evidence against the rest, although he had acted so cunning and villanous a part in that affair, that he was not fit to be trusted abroad again in this nation.

With the fifth report are the examinations of Isaac Cooper, Centurian Lucas, and Thomas Abraham.

The first of these is dated 23 June and the last 16 Aug. 1698.

With them is another paper *docquetted*:—"Examinations and confessions of Thomas Johnson and Benjamin Cole, Aug^t 8, 1698."

They contain information upon the cutting of counterfeit plates, &c. 17 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

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1698. [About Aug. 16.] 57. Petition of James Burges[s] to the Lords of the Treasury. He was employed as assistant to the "register" in judicial proceedings of the Com^rs of Excise, and was afterwards employed in making out a list of fines and forfeitures adjudged by the Com^rs of Excise against brewers, &c.; praying for a suitable satisfaction.

Rec^d 16 Aug^t '98.

Minuted:—"Read 10^th Oct. 1699. Com^rs of Excise are of opinion that no part of this ought to be paid by the King, and M^r Thompson alledges that the same ought to be paid by M^r Noell."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX, p. 188, 10 Oct. 1699, is:—

"Severall petitions relating to the Excise are read, the answers are taken thereon. M^r Thompson's peticon being read, touching the office of Reg^r of the Excise, granted to him & M^r Noel, and complaining that M^r Noel refuses to pay what he promised to allow a deputy, & also the King's tax for his share of the salary: ordered that the said M^r Thompson & M^r Noell attend this day se'nnit, in the afternoon w^th the Com^rs of Excise."

Again at p. 198, 24 Oct. 1699:—"Com^rs of Excise called in, w^th M^r Noel & M^r Thompson. The petitions of Thompson & Burgess are read. Noel saies he never had any constitution, but the patent for Register, and when he was turned out he had nothing more to doe; calling him sec^ry was nothing but curtesy, he did all as register. That the offices of reg^r & sec^ry are all one, and the office of reg^r was granted to him for life; and the reason why he doth not meddle w^th his salla[ry] is because he is turned out, but he thinks himselfe entitled to the office still.

M^r Thompson saies, in the patent it's said, they had been sec^rys, & it grants to them the office of reg^r." 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 58. Presentment of the Com^rs of Transportation, as to the amounts due to them, viz., 50,217*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.*; also as to bills of exchange running upon them for upwards of 6,000*l.*, which had been due several months, &c.; praying for a supply. Dated 17 Aug. 1698. 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 59. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Mollineux, William Hudson, and John Loggan, praying payment of 2,326*l.* 19*s.* 11½*d.* due to them for clothing the officers of several regiments; recommending them for consideration and relief. Dated 17 Aug. 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"23 Nov. '98. When any further part of ye Flanders subsistence is paid this shall be taken care of." 3 *pages.*

[? About Aug 17.] 60. Petition of Nicholas Green, merchant, to the King. At the siege of Cork, he, at the hazard of his life, guided the forces over that part of the sea which encompassed the East Marsh, whereupon the garrison capitulated, and he performed other services, he took charge of a freight of provisions to be transported to Cork, but the crew, without his knowledge, carried the ship and cargo into France; on which he was tried for high treason, but acquitted, notwithstanding which, there was a judgment against him for 1,115*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* damages, on which he lay in prison: prays for

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his discharge, and that further prosecutions against him might cease.

Without date, but there is mention of a prior order to discharge the petitioner, of the date of Feb. 1697, and,

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII, p. 221, 17 Aug. 1698, is the following:—

"Mr Attor. & the Victrs concerning the business of Nicho Green, make a report that Green, or any on his behalfe, have not appeared to shew cause why the prosecution agt him for the value of a lading of provisions carryed away for France should be stopt, and upon discourse wth Mr Attor. & the Comrs of Victualling, my Lords are induced to think Green a very ill man, that he with others contrived the carrying away the ship, & that it is their Lops opinion order be sent into Ireland to prosecute him effectually for ye value of the said provisions." 1 *page.*

Aug. 18. 61. Estimate of the charge of provisions for 800 men for seven days from Portsmouth to Jersey and Guernsey. Dated 18 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"Out of ye 2 millions. ½ *page.*

Aug. 18. 62. Report of Isaac Newton and Thomas Neale, officers of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Roettiers and James Roettiers, late engravers of the Mint in the Tower of London; finding that the three brothers John, Joseph, and Phillip Roettiers were gravers to the Mint from 1661, at an allowance of 325*l.* a year, and in 1669 by a new grant they were allowed 450*l.* yearly as gravers of the coin and medals; after the death of one, the two survivors to receive 350*l.* yearly, and the survivor to receive 250*l.* yearly for life: about 1680, Joseph went off, but the pay continued (as they supposed), because James the son of John supplied the place; Phillip went off in Feb. 1684, but John having another son "Norbertus," the whole allowance of 450*l.* continued till March 25, 1697: they believed the petition was true as to their wants and the capability of James Roettier to make medals, and that he deserved the King's favour. Dated 18 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"½ a year to be p[ai]d." 2 *pages.*

[About Aug. 18.] 63. Petition of Joshua Tayler, excise officer in Bristol, to Charles Montague, Esq., for removal to any part of Middlesex, on account of his wife's health. Signed by the churchwardens.

Minuted:—"Recd 18th Augt '98." 1 *page.*

Aug. 18. 64. Letter by command of the Lords Justices to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of Mr. Henry Killegrew, and stating their desire that some provision should be made for so old a servant of the Crown. Dated 18 Aug. 1698.

Also:—

Petition to the Lords Justices of the said Henry Killegrew, late groom of the bedchamber to King Charles II. He says he had served the Crown from "his birth" without making those advantages

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which others in his post usually did; by the death of his master he lost a plentiful condition; asking their Excellencies to peruse the annexed paper, which is a true state of his "pretences."

Minuted:—"Read 7 Septr 1698. To be paid 50li and to be told that my Lords can order no more till they have the King's pleasure after his returne."

There is a minute to the same effect in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII, p. 231, 7 Sept. 1698, with the addition that he was to pay Mr. Tailor his debt.

The "paper" referred to also accompanies the above. 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Aug. 18.] 65. Petition of Robert Shelmerdine to the King. He ran the hazard of his life in Germany, in discovering the hellish conspiracy of assassinating the King, and in escaping from thence and travelling hither, consumed all he had. The King had promised him a reward, but he had only received 50*l.* for subsistence; prays for an order for what His Majesty thought he deserved.

Mem.:—"Recd 18th Aug. '98."

Minuted:—"Speak wth ye Comrs of the Customes, when they attend. 21 7br. Comrs say they intend to imploy him in guarding ye coast of K. & Suss." 1 *page*.

[? About Aug. 19.] 66. An account of Mr. Rymer's expenses from the years 1694 to 1698, amounting to 1,253*l.*, of which he had received 500*l.*, and 753*l.* remained due.

At the end is this note:—"There are now two volumes [of the *Fœdera*] ready for the press, as was sett forth in a memorial to the Lds of the Treasury about 2 months since."

Minuted:—"19 Aug. '98. Ordered in part 200li."

There is also a minute to the same effect in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 224, on that day. 2 *pages*.

$\frac{19}{29}$ Aug. 67. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning warrants signed. The King would not come to any determination in the business of Edmund Williamson, as to the dispensing in his case, with the rule against granting offices for life, without being informed what precedents there were of late years for the same. Dated Dieren, $\frac{19}{29}$ Aug. 1698.

The warrants were:—

1. "For 15,000li *per ann.* to D. Gloucester.
2. "For 500li *per an.* in fee f. rents to E. Dorset.
3. "For 30,000£ to the Privy Purse.
4. "For 9,691. 15. to Sr Theod. Janssen.
5. "For a gt of forfeited lands to Collo G. Hamilton.
6. "For a grant of the inheritance of some forfeited lands to Dr Leslie.
7. "For a *custodiam* of Sr Drury Wray's forfeited estate to his son Christopher Wray, and concerning Mr Williamson's docqts."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 60, 25 Jan. 1698–9, is:—Mr Wmson's case read, about ye grant of ye office of serjt at

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armes. The King will change this life, because this patent of old Mr Wmson is already surrendred, and for no other reason." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 19. 68. Petition of Percival Brunskell, gent., to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the rest of the Lords of the Treasury. The King made an order of reference to their Lordships for an office or pension, but their Lordships put him off with 20*l.* in malt tickets, which he was forced to sell for 16*l.* to pay the butcher, &c., and the 20*l.* then ordered him only paid his rent. He could get no employment, being looked upon with aversion by all in authority; and their Lordships had passed sentence on him to expect no more. His debts exceeded 3,500*l.*, and exposed him to the cruelties of the mercenaries, with whose practices his discoveries and proposals interfered. For this reason he had petitioned the Lords Justices, that in case they would not, in the King's absence, order money to pay his debts, and a pension of 300*l. per ann.* for his own, his daughter Mary's, and his brother Francis' lives, to be paid as Mr. Oats had his settled, that they would give order for 50*l.* for subsistence till the King's return. His petition was returned, and the Lord Chancellor's opinion was that the application would be more proper to the Lords of the Treasury. The oaths taken by the petitioner were enjoined to be taken by all in public employments. He was at first encouraged upon his discoveries by King Charles II. He obtained nothing but the office of surveyor of the Greenwax fines, and a comrs place in the Alienation Office, and was miserably oppressed therein, till the King died. The present King more than once signified his pleasure that he should have those offices, being worth 510*l. per ann.*, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Jepson gratified their friends therewith. His debts might have been paid from that income, or if their Lordships' predecessors had done him justice when they sent him to Parliament with his discoveries and proposals. Several committees of the House of Commons had reported him worthy of reward, the judges and officers having made him consume his own estate, above 1,500*l.*, and destroyed his practice, when he got above 300*l. per ann.*, by practising in attorney's names, as many did; before he was compelled by the statute 3 Jac. I. cap. 7, to take the oaths to make discoveries and proposals; prays that they would make his conditions easy.

Minuted:—"19 Augst 1698. He is to be told positively that he must expect no more from my Lords."

Accompanied by a letter from him to Mr. Lowndes, in which he says he knows that the "Ld Chancellor loves the Lds of the Treasury," and his Excellency, having a kindness for him, advised him to apply again and again to the Lords of the Treasury; the very words of the oaths he was compelled to take, or incur a *premunire*, were that he would do no falsehood or wrong, or consent to any, but if he knew any, to inform the King or some of his ministers. He had sustained great loss and damage by the debaucheries of the Government and its own acts; he hoped the Government, "being civilized," would relieve him. His brethren were most inexcusable,

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in oppressing him, because he would not dispense with oaths to wink at them for dispensing with theirs; if God had a favour for them, they would turn and repent; if not, he would harden their hearts, as he did the Egyptians, until they perished. He continues:—"Nothing more eclipseth the glory of His Ma^ty's administration, than neglecting petitioners well entitled to the bounty of the Government, and nothing will more redound to the honor of ye L^ds Com^rs than promoting His Ma^tys bountiful intentions to me after 24 years persecution, that I may be easy in my old age." Dated 19 Aug. 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 23, for 13 April 1700, is the following:—"If M^r Percival Brunskel will accept 50£, and promise never to importune the K., or trouble this office any more, my Lords do order ye said sum, to enable him to go to New York." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 69. Presentment of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the imposts on vinegar and vinegar beer. Dated 20 Aug. 1698.

Minuted:—"Com^rs to advise w^th M^r Att. & M^r Soll^r about this." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 70. Report signed Mord. Abbott, but *docquetted*, "the Earl of Ranelagh's report," as to the arrears due to Col. Brudenel's late regiment, viz. for seven weeks and three days subsistence while they were on board the fleet in the Straights with the Earl of Orford, amounting to 415*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, in favour of the payment. Dated 20 Aug. 1698. (One enclosure.) 3 *leaves.*

[About Aug. 21.] 71. Petition of Thomas Richards, gent., who was Receiver-General of the King's aids and taxes in the county of Hertford, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to stop the further prosecution of certain extents, sued out against the petitioner by John Gape, jun., Esq., one of his securities, whereby he had seized the petitioner's estates into the King's hands; and for an order to allow the petitioner to receive his rents, &c. Referred to the Agents for Taxes, 21 Aug. 1698.

Four states of the account and a particular of arrears. 8 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 72. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several engineers, admitting that 3,430*l.* 10*s.* were due to the persons in the annexed list, several of whom had been paid no further than to 1 Jan. 1696, and there was due to the petitioners and others from 1 April 1697 to 31 March 1698, a further sum of 3,769*l.* 2*s.*, 146*l.* being already paid to Capt. La Lo, one of the said engineers. Dated 22 Aug. 1698.

Also the list referred to, and a petition from them, apparently sent in just afterwards.

Report minuted:—"12 June '99. There is no provision made for payment of the pet^rs this year." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 73. Letter by command of the Lords Justices to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the petition enclosed, from the Committees

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of the French Churches, pressing for speedy payment of the 15,000*l.* granted them by royal charity. Dated 23 Aug. 1698.

Minuted :—"Its done."

Accompanied by the petition.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 227, 2 Sept. 1698, is:—"M^r^ Nicholas, y^e^ late Queen's treasurer, called in. Lords order a w^t^ to be prepared for 15,000^li^ for French refugees." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 74. Letter of R. Yard to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an extract from a letter received from Mr. Blathwayt, as to the bills drawn on the Com^rs^ for Victualling from Spain, for supplies furnished to Vice-Admiral Nevill's squadron. Dated 23 Aug. 1698.

Also an enclosure. *Parts of* 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 23. 75. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, that several vessels from France were hovering on the English shore, with design of running their goods, which it was justly apprehended would continue, while the duty of French goods remained so high as to amount to very nearly a total prohibition of entering them at the Custom-house; proposing to have a number of sloops to cruise at certain distances, at a cost of about 2,700*l.* and an annual charge of 2,000*l.*

Containing much information about the proposed establishment of a coast guard. Dated 23 Aug. 1698. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 24. 76. Memorial of Elizabeth Aldworth, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to an arrear of crown rent due out of her estate of New-Market in Ireland, amounting to upwards of 1,000*l.*, for which there was a threat of distraint; praying for a respite for six months. Dated 24 Aug. 1698.

Minuted :—"Read 1 Sept^r^ 1698. Letter for stay of prosecution till His M^ts^ pleasure be known."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 129, 26 May 1699, is:—"M^r^ Aldworth. The Crown rent arrears to Mich^as^ 1698 to be discharged." 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 77. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Bristow, merchant, and others, praying for a *noli prosequi* to be entered to an information against the ship "Success," which had contravened the Navigation Act; not objecting thereto, and advising that publication should be made to warn merchants and masters of ships from any violation of that Act for the future, and that such favours should cease. Dated 25 Aug. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"1^st^ Sep^r^ '99. Agreed to discharge the ship." 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 25. 78. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the captains and subaltern officers of Col. Buchan's late regiment, praying payment of part of the arrears of subsistence due to them in Flanders; proposing to pay 990*l.* to them, viz., to 10

1698. captains 40*l.* each, 14 lieutenants 25*l.* each, and 12 ensigns 20*l.* each, & c. Dated 25 Aug. 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"800li ordered 14th Sepr '98."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 236, 14 Sept. 1698, is:—"1,600li, vizt 800li to each of ye regts of Buchan & Lorne disbanded, in part of their arrear of subsistence growne due in Flanders." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 25. 79. Letter signed Charles Thomas, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the advance of money for victualling the King's ships, the sale of prize goods, &c. Dated at Barbadoes, 25th Aug. 1698. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 25. 80. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Earl Rivers to the King, praying in regard of the late loss at sea, of his plate, horses, and other equipage prepared for his campaign in the King's service (amounting to a very considerable sum), and on account of his faithful services to His Majesty, that he might have a grant of the debt of Michael Wicke, late receiver of the impost on tobacco; informing their Lordships that the debt seemed to be upwards of 30,000*l.*, and making other statements in relation to his debt, and offering no objection to His Majesty's bounty to the petitioner, out of such part of Mr. Wicke's estate, as was not already extended, if the present appropriations did not hinder. Dated 25 Aug. 1698.

The petition and a report by John Bridges [their solicitor] on the same subject.

Minuted:—"1st Sepr '98 Read. 21 7br. 1698 To be layd before ye K. 26 May '99. Read." 5 *pages.*

Aug. 26. 81. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, for a warrant to be prepared and sent for signature for 1,020*l.* to be paid to the Comte Frise, whom the King had continued in his service at the rate of 5*l.* a day from 8 Feb. (to which time he was last paid) to 1 Sept., payable out of the secret service money; with a postscript that the King thought fit to employ him as envoy extraordinary in Germany. Dated Loo, 5 Sept. 1698, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 26. 82. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the King's directions for the payment of one year's pension to the Duchess of Mazarin, "which (he says) you know is in ye name of the Duke of Devonshire." Dated Loo, 5 7br. 1698, S.N.

Minuted:—"Read 9 7br. when mo[ney] is issued to ye cofferer."

There is a letter for payment of this, dated 30 Sept. 1698, in the *Letter Book*, Vol. X. p. 40. *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 26. 83. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the apers sent for the royal signature. Dated Loo, 5 Sept. 1698, N.S.

Enclosure showing that the warrants were:—

1. "For apptıng Comrs for stampt papers, &c.
2. "For apptıng Mr Pennyman recr thereof.

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3. " For dischª Sr B. Firebrace of 1,095*l.*
4. " For 260*l.* to be paid to yᵉ Lᵈ Cornbury."
Parts of 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 31. 84. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to an intimation given them from a French gentleman that the ship " Providence," lately arrived in the Downs from Genoa, had taken in a great part of her lading at Marseilles, although the goods were intended to be imported as Italian goods; which information they found to be correct, being corroborated by the seamen; recommending that they should be rewarded out of the 25 *per cent.*, or 25*l.* per ton. Dated 31 Aug. 1698.
Minuted:—" 1st Sepr '98. The Comrs to propose what may be fit to be allowed the informer." 2 *pages.*

[About Aug.] 85. Petition of Mary Piggatt, widow, to the King, showing that her husband was a captain of dragoons in the garrison of Londonderry during the siege there in the late war in Ireland, and that they were suddenly deprived of goods and cattle to the value of 700*l.* by the merciless enemy; that the petitioner and five children must inevitably perish unless the King grant relief, and that one of the petitioner's children, who has delivered three petitions to His Majesty, is one of " the six children of two thousand, that were only left alive and preserved from starving in the said siege of Londonderry;" praying for a present supply of money, and to be put on the list of sufferers of Ireland to be relieved.
Undated; but the petitioner was allowed 20*l.*, as is seen in a list of widows to whom allowances were granted on 18 Aug. 1698. See *Letter Book*, Vol. X., p. 13. 1 *page.*

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July 1 and Sept. 1. 1. The muster roll of Major Tho. Garth's company of soldiers, &c. mustered at Barbadoes, on 1 July and 1 Sept. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 1. 2. Report of Mr. Wm. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir Robt. Howard, auditor of the receipt, as to allowance for extra clerks, &c. Dated 1 Sept. 1698.
Minuted: — " Read 14 7br 1698. Agreed to, but Sr Robt Howard being since dead, the warrt to be in the name of Mr Chr. Montague."
Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 1. 3. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, moving their Lordships to order a moiety of 264*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

1698. seized by the officers of the port of Liverpool, to be paid to them in conformity with the order in Council of 25 June 1696. Dated 1 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 7 Sepr 1698. Agreed." 1 *page.*

Sept. $\frac{5}{15}$. 4. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's pleasure was that Mr. Lowndes should pay 500 guineas to Mr. Jacob Van der Esch, out of the secret service money. Dated Loo, $\frac{5}{15}$ Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"To be paid out of any disposable mo[ney]."

Again:—"Paid." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 5. 5. Memorial of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships to direct the payment of 5,617*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*, for the discharge of bills of exchange, accepted by the board. Dated 5 Sept. 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 239, 16 Sept. 1698, is:—"Order the Comrs of Sick & Wounded to carry in all their accts & vouchers, dur[ing] ye time of their comon to Audr Bridges, who is [to] examine ye whole & make a state thereof, wth his observations thereupon to their Lops." 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 6. Memorial from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords [of the Treasury], as to the prosecution by Mr. Baker of persons accused of embezzlement of the stores of war, and as to arrears. Dated 6 Sept. '98.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 229, 6 Sept. 1698, is:—"Officers of Ordnance. Mr Nicholas Baker is to prosecute those that have imbezild the ordnance stores." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 7. 7. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to Lord Orford, as to the want of money to carry on the works of the new docks at Portsmouth; applying for 3,000*l.* for the same. Dated 7 Sept. '98.

Minuted:—"My Lords will speak wth ye Comrs of ye Navy about this." 1 *page.*

Sept. 8. 8. "An account of what sums of money are demanded by the inhabitants of the several towns under-named, for quartering the officers and soldiers belonging to the late first marine regiment, from 1 April '96 to 8 Sept. '98, the time they were broke, according to notes drawn by the respective officers." 1 *page.*

Sept. 9. 9. "An abstract of the several sums received by the Earl of Ranelagh, in part of the 250,000*l.* appropriated by Parliament to be paid out of the 3*s.* aid for disbanding." Dated 9 Sept. 1698. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 9. 10. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to the ship "Providence" (above described under 31 Aug.), also as to goods in two other ships, viz., the "Ruth" and "Britania," lately arrived from Leghorn, which goods were bought, as was asserted, in the dominions of the French King: advising that the French gentleman [Isaac Bobin] who gave the information should be called before their Lordships, &c. Dated 9 Sept. 1698.

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Accompanied by copy of a letter from Paris and a petition of Isaac Bobin, in relation to the said shipments.

The following are in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., pp. 239 and 243:—

16 Sept. 1698. "Mr Bobin, about French goods, alledged to be imported in the ship Providence as Italian goods. My Lords will consider his reward when the Comrs come.

21 Sept. 1698. "The Comrs of ye Customes are to reward Mr Bobin (as much as they think he deserves) out of the 25li *per cent.*, or 25£ *per* ton of French goods by him discovered." 6 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 11. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Edward Arnold, praying the restitution of a sum of money seized by the officers of Liverpool, being shipped for Ireland: not objecting to any favour their Lordships should confer upon him, so that the exportation of the coin of England were not encouraged. Dated 10 Sept. 1698.

The petition and four other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7br 1698.

"My Lords do not think there is any ground to relieve the petitioner." 6 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 12. Similar report. In pursuance of their Lordships' directions at a late attendance, they had re-considered the presentments then read, relating to a stricter guard of the western coast, and judged that most of what was therein contained was absolutely necessary for preventing the running of French goods on that coast during the high duties: they took this opportunity to perfect their presentment, by naming the persons and ascertaining the allowances to them; distinguishing what should be put on the establishment, and what was necessary to prevent the industrious attempts of the smugglers in this extraordinary juncture. Concluding with:—

The stations proposed for the sloops. Dated 10 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7br '98. Approved. Wt signed 27th Sepr '98." 5 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 13. Presentment of the same to the same, as to the number to form a quorum of the board of Customs, begging to attend their Lordships for their directions in the present juncture. Dated 13 Sept. 1698.

Also a short letter of J. Bridges thereon.

Minuted:—"Done." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

[About Sept. 13.] 14. Petition of Henry Barnard to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had been at great expense in discovering the ill practices of Thomas Ray and Saml. Aldershaw, who were by his evidence convicted of counterfeiting Exchequer bills: praying for consideration of his services. Recd 13th Sept. '98.

Minuted:—"Inqr of Mr Packer, sen., whether he hath recd anything already."

"Mr. Packer saith his father lent him out of his own pocket 10*l*."

Again:—"Repay the 10li to Packer, & pay 20li to Mr Barnard. p̃d." 1 *page.*

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1698. Sept. 14. 15. Copy of letter (unsigned) in answer to a letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, asking to be advised from time to time of the grants made of forfeited lands in Ireland, so that the Lords Justices might know what petitions had been rejected by the King: transmitting "A list of petitions for grants out of forfeited estates in Ireland, with the Lords Justices reports thereupon, which upon laying before His Maty have been rejected or not granted." Dated 14 Sept. 1698.

Accompanied by a duplicate and the letter referred to. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About Sept. 14.] 16. Memorial of David Campbell, agent, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the troop of Scots Guards were on the English establishment till Dec. 1697, and had received no subsistence, but what the agent had advanced them; and they were extremely discouraged at not being subsisted in course. Their Lordships had promised when the money arrear of subsistence was paid they should have their share: praying payment of his arrears. Received 14 Sept. '98.

Also an account of the money advanced.

Minuted:—"4th Oct. See the minute in the book."

[There is no minute in the book relating to this.] 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 14. 17. Memorial from the Trustees for Exchequer bills, to the same effect as the one of 7 July 1698, in respect to the payment of the 41,299*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.* [*Minuted:*—"My Lords will be punctual in this"], and in addition offering to their Lordships their opinion, that in respect to the determination of the 3rd contract, although there was an eighth part of the subscription standing out, yet the 10 *per cent.* allowance should be paid, &c.: asking directions to be sent to the Exchequer, as to what fund the two quarters salary, due to the trustees, should be paid from: also whether they should pay 52*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* to Mr. Clayton and Mr. Herne, who had spent that sum in convicting Thomas Johnson, concerned in counterfeiting the Exchequer bills. [*Minuted:*—"Order'd."] Dated 14 Sept. 1698.

Also the account of the disbursements. 2½ *pages.*

[About Sept. 14.] 18. Petition of Thomas Fletcher to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the loss sustained by him in consequence of the pulling down by a mob of a house in Holborn, occupied by Mr. Michael Tooley, the King's deputy provost marshal. Received 14 Sept. '98.

Also a copy of the report by Mr. Geo. Clarke thereon.

Minuted:—"28 June 1699. Dismissed. Tooley being paid in full of all pretensions."

The petition of Michael Tooley and the case printed at length. 4 *pages.*

[About Sept. 14.] 19. Report of Mr. William Vanbrugh [treasurer of the chamber], to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Tag, keeper of the privy garden gate, leading to the cockpit; certifying the

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allowance that was made for keeping the same, &c. Received 14 Sept. '98.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Oct. '98. To be paid 10li at present." Again "p̃d." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 20. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Delarose, for allowance of 441*l.* claimed by him for extraordinary expenses and losses. Three other reports had been made on the same case, the copies of which are annexed, and he had been deservedly dismissed from his employment as collector of Excise in Hampshire and part of Wilts. Dated 15 Sept. 1698. (Four enclosures).

Minuted:—"Read 22 7br. 1698, and approved." 10 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Sept. $\frac{15}{25}$. 21. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, as to the payment of the portion of the daughter of Lord Dursley, as maid of honour; signifying the King's pleasure that it should be paid, his Lordship alleging the necessity thereof, on account of his daughter's marriage. Dated Loo, $\frac{15}{25}$ Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Warrts to be prepared for her & for Lady Berkley & Mrs May." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. $\frac{15}{25}$. 22. Letter from the same to the same, returning papers sent for the Royal signature. The warrant for granting to Mr. Crook His Majesty's share in the "Phœnix" brewhouse was ordered by His Majesty to be left upon his table. Dated Loo, $\frac{15}{25}$ Sept. 1698. (One enclosure.)

The warrants were for 500li to Mr Prior.

1,020	to Comte Frise.
1,900	to Mr Bookey.
300	to Lord Lucas.
100	to Mr Leighton.
15,000	for the French Protestants.

3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. $\frac{15}{25}$. 23. Similar letter, stating the King's pleasure that 200*l.* should be paid towards the discharge of Mr. Henry Killigrew's debts, the Lords Justices having earnestly recommended him to the King. Dated Loo, $\frac{15}{25}$ Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 20 7br. '98. Wt signed."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 241, 20 Sept., is:—"Prepare a warrt for 200li to Mr Hen. Killigrew of bounty *per* the Lds Justices." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. $\frac{15}{25}$. 24. Similar letter, concerning allowances to the messengers employed in going express to carry accounts of the King's transactions to the Court of France [under the direction] of the Earl of Jersey. Dated Loo, $\frac{15}{25}$ Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 20 7br. '98."

With this is a paper containing memoranda relating to "messengers employed in France." 2 *pages.*

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1698. Sept. 14 and 16. 25. Letter from Lord Bellomont, unaddressed, but commencing "My Lords," informing them that his journey to Albany in July was very unfortunate to his health, but having appointed a day to meet the five nations of Indians, he resolved to keep "touch" with them, though to the hazard of his life, and embarked for Albany in the midst of a fit of the gout, by which, and a cold taken on the Hudson River, he had like to have died. He however managed a conference with the Indians. The first two or three days he found them sullen and cold in their carriage, and thought we had quite lost their affections, but some of the "Sachims" having come to some honest magistrates of that town, discovered to them that they had been tampered with by Mr. Dellius, the Dutch minister, to whom, with three others (viz., Col. Peter Schuyler, Major Dyrk Wessels, mayor of that town, and one Bauker, or Banker), Col. Fletcher had committed the whole management of the Indian affairs; so that Dellius, to create difficulty to his (the writer's) administration, had possessed the Indians with the idea that the power of the said Dellius and the others was equal to the Governor's, and that the cognizance of the Indians and their affairs more belonged to them than to him; but the Indians being naturally quick, discovered that he was the King's Governor, and that Dellius had deluded and abused them, and they thereupon declared their grievances, as their Lordships would find, in the "*printed conferences*" sent (No. 1). To his unspeakable satisfaction he managed them with that patience, and made them so good a present, that he quite retrieved their affection, and they were never known to part with any Governor in so good humour. His journey was a little more expensive than usual, amounting to 1,200*l.* of that country money, but all commodities acceptable to the Indians were dearer 50*l. per cent.* Dellius the Dutch minister was the more industrious to amuse the Indians, that they might not complain of his notorious fraud and circumvention put upon the Mohack Indians by himself chiefly, and the other three persons above mentioned, in obtaining a grant from Col. Fletcher of their whole country; the villany of this Dellius would appear in the enclosure No. 2, which relates to the fraudulent bargain transacted between Dellius and six or eight of the Mohack Indians, wherein he made the Indians believe the land was only to be conveyed by them to himself and the other three persons in trust, for the use of them and their posterity, and to hinder the land being disposed of to other hands, that would probably dispossess them thereof; yet he with the other three persons, together with Mr. Pinhorn (whom the writer had lately removed from the council and his judge's place), obtained an absolute grant of all the said Mohacks' land from Col. Fletcher. The chief complainants against Dellius were Mohack Indians proselyted by himself to the Christian faith. Henry and Joseph he had taught to pray and preach in their language by means of a woman interpreter. The writer knew not how sincere converts they were, but they seemed to have no veneration for their doctor and apostle Dellius. The interpretess, also a convert, was a witness against him, and in her

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examination before all the magistrates of Albany and others, declared her knowledge of the fraud. Out of tenderness to Dellius's ministerial functions, he had not printed this account with the other conferences, to conceal the fraudulent part he acted from all the world, except their Lordships, to whom he felt obliged to communicate all things without reserve. By the printed conferences their Lordships would see how much the Indians stomached Col. Fletcher's neglect of them during the war, particularly in omitting to demolish the fort of Cadaracque, which the French had deserted for a long time, but had since re-garrisoned. They call it a cruel thorn in their sides. He sent also a memorial (No. 3), signed by Mr. Pynchon and Mr. Partrigg, about the murder of two Englishmen by some Indians, at the town of Hatfield, in New England, and his examination of the Skachkook Indians about the said murder. He had also resented that barbarous action in his letter to the Governor of Canada (No. 4), having grounds to believe the Canada Indians committed the murder.

Their Lordships would find in the *printed propositions* that the five nations had interceded with him for the pardon of Willm. Simpson, a soldier of Albany, who murdered an Indian Sachim, and wounded two others, who lay under sentence of death, together with his answer: if it were left to him, he should suffer death. On the other murderer mentioned in the said propositions, the grand jury brought in an *ignoramus* on the indictment. Three things were observable in the address to him from the magistrates of Albany: the *first* implied a wrong sustained by the inhabitants of Albany, by means of a grant by Col. Fletcher to one Ranslaer, of a great tract of land upon Hudson's River, above Albany, the said inhabitants having to take rum and other commodities for their peltry; the magistrates touched but gently on that subject, as the land of the eldest brother of the said Ranslaer reached 24 miles square, and Albany was in the centre of it. The *second* was the thanks to him for restoring the management of the Indians to the magistrates of the town, instead of their being under the directions of Mr. Dellius, the minister, Col. Peter Schuyler, Major Wessells, and Mr. Banker. He discovered that Col. Fletcher's grant of all the Mohack's land was not the sole price of the flattering address he obtained from the inhabitants of Albany. The writer's scheme of management of the Indians and their trade would be found in his instructions to Col. Peter Schuyler and all the magistrates of Albany, in the *printed propositions* which he was forced to draw up in his own hand, though weak in health, having no secretary, nor any one who could write good English. The *third* thing observable in that address from Albany was, the building of a fort there. He intended to write his thoughts thereon, and on the fort desired to be built at Schenectady. To his great amazement Col. Romar, the engineer, was ordered home by the Board of Ordnance, and would go from Boston in the "Deptford" man-of-war about three weeks hence. He would inform their Lordships of other

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matters by that vessel. On his return from Albany, the crowd of business gave him a relapse into the gout, under which he then laboured.

At the end of the *printed conferences* there was an allarm sent by the five nations of Indians of a design of the Governor of Canada to make a sudden inroad on them, unless they would go and make peace. He did what he could to keep them in heart, by sending his Lieut.-Governor to Albany, with all the soldiers he could spare. He enclosed a copy of his instructions (No. 5), and despatched the Mayor of Albany, Major Wessells, to a general meeting of the five nations at the Onnondages Castles, and enclosed the instructions to him (No. 6), also a second letter to the Governor of Canada (No. 4), and instructions to Capt. John Schuyler (No. 7). Dated New York, 14 Sept. 1698.

Postscript. Major Wessells had returned from his negotiation, and had brought the memorial (No. 8). The writer forgot to mention the discourse that passed between Mr. Dellius, the minister of Albany, and himself, which he added to the manuscript (No. 2), which would show that man's strange prevarication and doubleness. He could prove by witnesses of credit, several immoralities against him, as also his disaffection to the King. They might wonder he trusted him with his first letters to the Governor of Canada and Mont Real, to notify the peace to them; but he had not then seen him, &c. The magistrates and inhabitants of Albany had bought Ranslaer's grant of land on Hudson's River, so there was an end of that grievance. Dated 16 Sept. 1698.

The above is a duplicate of a letter in the Board of Trade papers, New York, Vol. IV., p. 603. There is also another copy between pp. 636 and 637 of the same volume. It is also printed in *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 362.

Accompanied by a list of the papers referred to, and five of the enclosures, three being wanting (viz., 1, 5, and 8).

Copy of the depositions (marked No. 2) of Henry and Joseph, two of the Maquase nation above referred to, which contain many curious particulars in respect to that nation, and to the alienation of the soil to Col. Peter Schuyler, Doctor Godfrey Dellius, and the others; they further state, that about three years ago, when they were out fighting against the French, six idle drunken people of their nation took upon them to sell a vast tract of land belonging to the complainants, called Skohere, of so large an extent that a young man had enough to do to run over it in a day's time, and that for the value of 30 beaver skins, in rum and other goods, which land Arent Schuyler bought for Col. Nicholas Bayard, of New York, and the latter obtained a patent of the late Governor for the said unlawful purchase.

They signed the depositions with marks or hieroglyphics, representing two nondescript quadrupeds.

[There are two other copies of these depositions in the volume

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above referred to, p. 513, and between pp. 636 and 637, and they are printed in *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York.* Vol. IV., p. 345.]

In the conference (forming part of enclosure No. 2), held at the request of the Maquase Indians with the Lord Bellomont, on 25 July 1698, Hillitie the interpretess states that when the writing about the Maquase land was signed, the true intent and meaning of the Indians was, that Mr. Dellius and the other three persons should be only trustees, to keep the land for the benefit of the Indians of the Maquase nation; but if it should so happen that all the Maquase Indians should die, or be extinguished or lessened to the number of ten, then Mr. Dellius, the minister, and the other grantees were to be owners of the lands.

At the conclusion of this paper, Lord Bellomont administered a smart reproof to Dellius, in presence of all the persons forming the conference, and promised the Indians to employ his interest with his great master, the King of England, to procure the grant to be vacated, if those persons did not surrender it, as Col. Schuyler and Major Wessells had already done. [This is not printed.]

There is with these an interesting paper (also marked No. 2), entitled :—"An account of what passed between me and M^r Godfrey Dellius, Dutch minister at Albany, ye 2^d day of Aug^t 1698." 30 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 16. 26. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Earl of Orford, applying for money for the subsistence of the marine regiments. Dated 16 Sept. '98.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 240, 16 Sept. 1698, is :—"1,191^li for 14 daies subsist. for ye 4 marine reg^ts from the 12^th instant, & ending 26 instant, to be issued to ye Treasurer of ye Navy, out of loanes on the Cole Act." 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 16.] 27. Petition of John Ellis to the Lords of the Treasury. He had petitioned the King for a grant of the estate of his brother William, to satisfy a debt due to him. The Com^rs of the Revenue reported the value of the estate to be 726*l.* 3*s. per ann.*, &c. The King had declared that the debt should be paid, if real; he enclosed an affidavit as to its reality, and another affidavit. The Earl of Denbigh claimed the lands of Oxmantown, being 300*l. per ann.* of the estate, which were bought from the Earl's father, &c.: prays their Lordships to report the case favourably to the King for a grant of the estate.

The affidavits mentioned, and a copy of the petition.

The latter is *minuted :*—"Read 16 7br. '98. To be layd before ye K. at his returne. Ref. to Lords Justices."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 66, 8 Feb. 1698–9, is :—"Mr. Ellis's papers are read for his brother's estate in Ireland; granted." 4 *pages.*

Sept. $\frac{18}{28}$. 28. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing an establishment for the military list of Ireland, which His Majesty

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ordered to be transmitted to the Lords Justices of Ireland; and stating His Majesty's further order for their Lordships to prepare an establishment for the civil list of Ireland for his signing, on his return to England. Dated Loo, $\frac{18}{28}$ Sept. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 18. 29. [? Copy of] letter of Henry Baker [to the Com^rs of Customs]. He had passed the coast from Milton, and through the Marsh, and came to Hastings the previous night. He had made his observations on the owling and smuggling trade, which he would lay before them, when he attended the board. He was then proceeding to the west of Sussex, where he heard several of the old marshmen were, and then would make the best of his way to London. He had taken Folkstone and Romney warrens, and was in treaty with Sir Robt. Guildford's uncle for a very good house and land at Guildford, that was formerly the famous John Thompson's. If it could be had, it would be an extraordinary lodgment for two or three officers, and a thorough security for the Camber and all that end of the Marsh. He had posted in proper places, through the Marsh, 20 dragoons at the disposition of the officers. He had visited the two sloops, and had done his best to discharge his trust. Dated Hasting[s], 18 Sept. 1698. 1 *page*.

Sept. 19. 30. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Jenkins, citizen and oilman, praying to be allowed to enter 20 tons of blubber, bought of the Com^rs of Prizes, without paying foreign duty. It was a similar case to others, in which their Lordships had given relief. Dated 19 Sept. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.

Minuted:—"21 7br. '1698. Allowed. W^t signed 23 7br. 1698." 3 *pages*.

Sept. 20. 31. Letter signed "R. Yard," to the Lords of the Treasury. The petition of Mr. Edmund Halley had been read to the Lords Justices, who were desirous to give him all due encouragement, and referred the petition to their Lordships. Dated 20 Sept. 1698.

The petition in which he says that he conceived he had discovered the true cause of the variation of the compass. He had obtained a small vessel from the Admiralty, to make experiments in remote parts, proper to ascertain the theory of the magnetical direction, a matter of the greatest moment in the art of navigation. He then prayed for 100*l*., that he might make use of the ports of foreign nations, and take with him the instruments necessary.

Minuted:—"M^r Tailor to pay this 100^li. Paid 13 Oct '98."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 256, 11 Oct. 1698, is:—"M^r Hawly to be p^d 100^li, to buy instruments to be used in his voiage for ascertayning the theory of the magnetical direction." 2 *pages*.

Sept. 20. 32. Letter sent by direction of the Lords Justices to the Lords of the Treasury, for them to make the necessary arrangement for the payment of 200*l*. to each of the Com^rs sent with the squadron for

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reducing the pirates in the East Indies, to enable them to provide for their voyage. Dated 20 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"A warrt for the Lords Justices to signe." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 20. 33. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ann Granville and Martha Lockarte, servants to the late Queen, who prayed for the moiety of the ship "Two Friends," seized at the Custom-house, for breach of the Navigation Act; certifying that the seizure was well made, but the proprietors had obtained the licence of the Court of Exchequer to compound; on which the usual course was for the officer to have $\frac{1}{3}$d of the appraised value, the King $\frac{1}{3}$d, and the proprietor $\frac{1}{3}$d, which was the common favour of the Court; they had nothing further to offer, save that this Board had always given their opinion against the Crown granting any forfeitures, before the goods were actually condemned. Dated 20 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"My Lords do not apprehend it to be in their power to grant the petition."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 21.] 34. Petition of Mary Lawley, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury. There was due to her husband for repair of the mews 439*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; prays for an order for part of her debt, and that she might be put on the lists of charities payable from the Crown, for the interest yearly of the remainder, until paid.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7br '98, & rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 21.] 35. Petition of Joshua Bowes, late Lieutenant, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had moved their Lordships for 20*l.*, part of 66*l.* due to him for his service in Ireland, and had added this promise not to trouble their Lordships till peace or victory made money more plentiful; on which he received the 20*l.*; praying for 20*l.* more.

Minuted:—"21 7br. '98. There is no provision made for this demand." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

[? About Sept. 21.] 36. Petition of the persons concerned in clothing the army, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to lay their case before Parliament, in such a manner as might prove effectual, to prevent their ruin. They had already petitioned Parliament, which had refused to assist them, except their Lordships represented the hardship of their case.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7br. '98." It has a number of signatures. 1 *large page.*

Sept. 21. 37. Letter of the Lord Bellomont, unaddressed, but commencing "My Lords," sending muster rolls (enclosure No. 1) of the four companies under his command. He took pains to have them exact, but did not know whether he was not wrong in mustering all his servants, as Col. Fletcher did, but with this difference that he mustered no negros, as the colonel did, nor put in three fictitious names, which is the number of servants allowed every captain by

1698. the King. If the seven servants he mustered were thought too many he stood corrected. He would send muster rolls every six months and oftener, if it were not that the frost and snow hindered a communication between this and the garrisons of Albany and Schenectady. He hoped their Lordships would intercede with the King for full companies, as it was impossible for them to recruit from England, for the service was under such vast discredit by former mismanagement, that no man would enlist.

When at Albany the enclosed petition (? No. 2) was delivered to him by the chaplain and other officers of the four companies, to get off the burden of 30*l.* *per cent.*, which was a great discouragement in that scarce country, where all things, both for the belly and the back, were near treble the rates they were in England.

Mr. Brooks went for England while he (the Governor) was at Albany, and for ten days or a fortnight before, all the factious merchants of the town resorted to him at Captain Willson's, the late sheriff's, and there caballed till one or two in the morning, and made their compliments and attended him in a body on his departure. He appealed to their Lordships if he (Mr. Brooks) would not have been as odious to them, if he had done his duty, as he (the Governor) was, for seizing the ship "Fortune" with East India goods, of which he enclosed an account, and of other seizures (No. 3). He would make it apparent that he (Mr. Brooks) was false to his trust, and he and Col. Fletcher had combined to deceive the King and this province of as much money as they could. He was confident he should bring a charge of a great many 1,000*l.* to Col. Fletcher's account. He could not forbear complaining of the recall of two men-of-war under his command, as it weakened the King's authority, encouraged piracy, &c., and this the factious part were sensible enough of. Some of them were impudent enough to wish they were like the provinces of the Jerseys and Connecticut, with no Governor from England, nor any fort to awe them in their trade. Some of them were yet more insolent, and had said they would undertake it should be brought about. They had sent a project home by Brooks with an assurance of a great sum of money if Col. Fletcher, Gilbert Heathcote, the merchant, and Brooks, who were their agents, could compass the same. They were as "cock sure" of carrying the point and getting him turned out of this province, as ever he was of eating a dinner. He should cheerfully submit to be recalled, and their joy would not be greater than his comfort; for he would go away with the testimonies of a good conscience. He would not contend for keeping that government as it was, for no honest man of quality could live on the profits of that government. He did not see how he could make above 800*l.* *per ann.* It was true if he would make it the mart of piracy,—confederate with the merchants and wink at their unlawful trade,—if he would pocket all the off-reckonings, make 300*l.* *per ann.* of victualling the poor soldiers, muster half companies, pack an assembly that would give him what money he pleased, and let him misapply it as he pleased, and pocket great part of the public moneys, he could make the government very

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valuable; he believed more valuable than Ireland. The orders for the recall of the two men-of-war were directed to the captains, so that he was considered unworthy to be acquainted therewith; his power over them was so entirely superseded, that on a pirate ship coming into the Delaware River, and taking nine or ten ships, and robbing the people of Pennsylvania, Capt. Culliford refused absolutely to sail his ship and fall on the pirate, saying he had positive orders to make the best of his way to England, &c. Col. Markham's two letters concerning the pirate ship and desiring him (the writer) to send the "Fowy," man-of-war, to the relief of the people under his government (No. 4), together with the letter to him from the town of Lewis in Pennsylvania, as also the minute of council concerning Captain Culliford's refusal, with the copy of the writer's letter to Col. Markham, were bound up together (No. 4).

The French there were very factious, and their number considerable. He left it to their Lordships' judgment how safe it was to that province (which he took to be the key of all the rest upon the continent, and the chief frontier towards Canada), to encourage them. At the last election they ran in with the Jacobite party, and insolently boasted they turned the scale, and could balance the interests as they pleased. 33 French came to him at one time to be denizized [? denizened], and by one letter. He delayed giving the letter till he knew their Lordships' pleasure. Some French, who passed for Protestants during the late war, had been discovered to be Papists, and he suspected they gave intelligence to Canada. He sent an extract from the Lieut.-Governor's letter from Albany (No. 5). He (the writer) remembered Mr. Dellius, the minister of Albany, told him that the Count de Frontinac owned to him that he had a great part of his letters and intelligence from France, by way of Boston, all the time of the war. Where he met with a French merchant who was a good Protestant, he granted letters of denization. He heard the French had written to England for a letter of denization for the people above referred to, and said they would have them denizened in spite of him.

He had made no step to change the officers of the militia, or of persons in the commission of the peace, or civil officers, except the displacing of Willson, the sheriff of that town; but it was absolutely necessary he should make an alteration, they being generally of ill character and disaffected. If he was not too late, he fancied with a little management, which should be fair and upon the square, to compass the continuing the revenue for five years: when that was done, he would bring the parties to a balance. He could see no reason why the English and Dutch that were called of Leisler's party should be any longer excluded from a share in the government; they were reputed to be two-thirds of the people of that province, and why they were crushed and oppressed he could not see; they were much more sober and better affected to the government than the other party. The Jacobite party in that town had a club; 27 of them met on Saturday se'night; their ringleaders were Col. Bayard, Col. Minviele, and Willson the late sheriff; there was

1698. such a rancour and inveteracy with them that he thought it not proper to leave that province till he had their Lordships' orders on his representations; for if he left, the people would fall together by the ears, and it would give the faction great advantage, and would tend very much to the revenue ceasing and his measures for the revenue would be frustrated. His stay promoted the King's service in respect to the naval stores, and in what he had in view to make peace with the Eastern Indians (who had been so uneasy to his other two governments all this last war) by means of one Schuyler, a Dutchman, who was very popular with our Skachkook or River Indians, who were formerly driven out of those Eastern parts by the people of New England, the Eastern Indians still retaining a kindness for them and owning them of their blood. This Schuyler was to take a journey to the Eastern parts with some of the chief of the River Indians, who seemed confident they should be able to make a perpetual peace; they would also be invited to live among the River Indians. He kept this matter private from his other governments.

He had sent for Col. Basse, the Governor of the Jerseys, and shown him their Lordships' orders, to maintain the privileges of that port against Perth Amboy, in East Jersey; but he had the impudence and folly to deny that he ever saw the orders, and pretended he would by force maintain the port of Perth Amboy. While the writer was at Albany he appeared before his Lieut.-Governor and Council to controvert the right of that place to be a port, &c. The Lieut. Governor's letter to him (the writer) would inform their Lordships thereon (No. 6), with which were Col. Basse's papers. Col. Basse further urged that the Act of 25 Car. II. gave the sole power of constituting ports to the Lords of the Treasury, and under them to the Com^rs^ of Customs. The writer replied he would pay such deference to an authentic original order from either of those Boards as not to disturb any ships going in there, provided security were given, that all goods landed there should afterwards pay the duty claimed by the port of New York, in case the ministers in England should again determine in favour of the port of New York. He also further argued the matter with Col. Basse.

To show what little respect Col. Basse paid to the orders of the government, he enclosed an affidavit of the officers acting in Mr. Brooks's stead (No. 6).

The writer formerly acquainted their Lordships, by Mr. Weaver, that he had no dependence on Sheriff Willson to raise the *posse* and rescue the King's officers, who were prisoners in Van Sweeten's house (the said Willson having concealed East India goods to the value of 2,000*l.* in his house), and so he sent the soldiers then on guard to make the rescue. The certificate signed by Mr. Randolph (No. 7) would convince their Lordships of the concealment. He should certainly have had a proof upon oath that Brooks was privy to Willson's receiving these East India goods into his house, and that all, or the greater part, were conveyed into his house before Brooks's face; but the "party" was terrified and verily believed

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he should be murdered, if he declared his knowledge, for, he says, "they are a most wicked and lawless people here and very revengfull." The writer was not there a fortnight before they threatened to murder Mr. Graham the Attorney-General, and Mr. Weaver. By the next opportunity he would send some observations on Col. Fletcher's and Mr. Brooks's accounts, and other matters. Dated 21 Sept. 1698.

The above is a duplicate of a letter among the papers of the Board of Trade, Vol. IV., pp. 669–676, and is printed in *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 377.

Accompanied by enclosures under the numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6. Those under the numbers 1, 2, and 7 are missing. 23 *pages and* 7 *halves.*

Sept. 21. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Pennington of Rotterdam, who hired a vessel to bring passengers from thence to England and put a tun of wine on board, for private use, for which the wine and vessel were seized; recommending that he be allowed to compound by licence of the Court. Dated 21 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7^br '98. Compound for the wine as the Com^rs propose, and a *non pros.* upon the rest of y^e information as to a ship."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 21. 39. Report of the same to the same. On the petition of Baltazar Reclau, praying to be relieved as to the King's part of the seizure of a parcel of cocoa nuts, by him imported into the port of Chester: advising that he be allowed to compound by letter of licence. Dated 21 Sept. 1698.

Also the petition and a letter.

Minuted:—"Read 21 7^br 1698. My Lords do not think there is ground to relieve the pet^r." 3 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 22.] 40. Petition of Capt. William Courtney to the Lords of the Treasury. He had suffered for the misdeeds of another Capt. Courtney, who was a conspirator. He says he had been set upon six several times for the said captain, who was a thousand pounds man; he was carried before the secretaries, who immediately discharged him with concern for his ill-usage; he was set upon by the rude multitude, who beat and plundered him of 107*l.*; he was kept in prison 18 weeks on suspicion, from which he had a fit of sickness, which cost him 50*l.*; prays for compensation.

Also an affidavit made by him. "Rec^d 22^th Sep^r '98."

Minuted:—"Read 22^th 7^br 1698. 100^li in full of all pretencions out of sec. service." *Again:*—"Paid 100*l.* 1^st Oct. 1698." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 22. 41. Copy of a letter from the Com^rs of Customs to Capt. [Henry] Baker, acknowledging his letter from Hastings, noticing his passage from Milton thither; they would have been glad to have received his observations on his survey, in anything which required their direc-

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tion; they had considered as to the "rolling" the riding officers on the coast of Kent, and made sundry suggestions about the same: they were glad he had taken the two warrens, supposing the terms were reasonable, and that he had a prospect of taking a house at Guildford, which might be necessary for the officers there. Dated 22 Sept. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 22. 42. Report of Mr. Charles Twitty to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state of the debts owing by the King to the estates of Philip Packer and John Packer, Esq., deceased, for necessaries provided by them as ushers of the receipt of the Exchequer; also as to what was due to the respective persons who furnished the same. The debt amounted to 7,087*l.* 0*s.* 7½*d.* Dated 22 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 28 7^{br} 1698.

"My Lords think it reasonable that out of this debt there be p^{d}—

"1st. The King's debt on acc^{o} of y^{e} works.

"2^{ly}. The debt owing for x^{ths} of Norw^{ch}.

"3^{ly}. The cred^{rs} for goods served to the offices.

"4^{ly}. The debt owing for clipt money d^{d} to M^{r} John Packer to pay into the Excheq^{r}." 2¾ *pages.*

Sept. 22. 43. Letter of Lord Bellomont to the Lords [of the Treasury], stating his inability, owing to ill health, to put the proofs of the corruption of Mr. Brooks into the shape he would have done. He would give their Lordships entire satisfaction therein by the "Deptford" frigate, which sailed in a fortnight. He sent to their Lordships copies of his letters to the Council of Trade, which would give a full account of the most material things belonging to the province. Dated New York, 22 7^{ber} 1698.

The enclosures missing. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 22. 44. Memorial from the Trustees for Exchequer bills, embodying the two preceding memorials of 7 July and 14 Sept. Dated 22 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"22 7br. '98. Bring in this to be considered to-morr. morn." 1 *page.*

Sept. 22. 45. Letter from Mr. Secretary Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury. A complaint of the Duke of Devonshire had been laid before the Lords Justices concerning the waste of timber made in the forest of Needwood, by cutting more wood and of a better sort than was necessary for answering Rupert Brown's claim: as also by some of the officers taking away the best of the timber under pretence of fees, sending an extract that their Lordships might stop those abuses. Dated 22 Sept. 1698.

Also the said extract, *minuted*:—

"Lords think this is a matter of moment and very necessary to be lookt after; but upon inquiry they find that this forrest is part of ye Dut^{chy}, & my Lords can give no direction therein." 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 23. 46. Letter, signed "A. Corbett," to William Lowndes, Esq., desiring him to move their Lordships concerning 6,062*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*, to

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be assigned to the Treasurer of the Navy, to pay Mr. Levy, the broker, for discount on 83,885*l.* Dated 23 Sept. '98.

Minuted:—"An order for this." 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 47. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had read Mr. Lowndes' letter and the petition of Mr. Fox to the King, who directed that Lord Coningsby's warrant should be sent to him by the first opportunity. Dated Goer, 5 Oct. 1698, N.S.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Oct. 1698."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 253, 4 Oct. 1698, is:—"My Lords direct my Lord Coningsby's warrt to be sent to him at Dublin, pursuant to ye Ks comand. Deliver it to Coll. Edgworth." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 26. 48. A short note, signed "Evelyn," to William Lounds, Esq., desiring him to put their Lordships in mind of His Majesty's 2,000*l.*, due at Christmas, and the great arrear due to the workmen erecting Greenwich Hospital. Dated 26 Sepr '98.

Minuted:—"The King, when he gave intirely to ye hosptll the fines of ye smuglers, was pleased to declare this paymt might not be made for the last year." *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

[? About Sept. 27.] 49. Petition of Mary Moss, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her husband, John Moss, a trooper in Capt. William Stewart's troop, in Col. Russel's regiment of horse, was killed at the first siege of Limerick, 31*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* being due to him; praying payment thereof, having come over with one child to England to solicit payment, and having left the other four in Ireland. "Recd 27th Sept. '98."

Minuted:—"Read 11 8br. There is no provision made for demands of this kind."

There is also another petition nearly word for word the same as the above, with two papers substantiating the facts. "Recd 14 Sept. '98."

Minuted:—"28 June '99. There is no mo for paymt of any arrears of this kind." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 27. 50. Letter, signed B. Homrigh [who was one of the Comrs of Revenue for Ireland], without address, but most likely to Mr. Lowndes, seeking for the recommendation of the Lords of the Treasury to the King, that he might obtain an allowance or salary for his services to the King; proposing to have the allowance made out of the produce of the remaining stores, sold by their order. Dated Dublin, 27 Sept. 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 127, 24 May 1699, is:—"Mr Van Homrigh's lre. 1,000li to be allow'd." 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 27. 51. Printed copy of the speech of the Lords Justices [of Ireland] to both Houses of Parliament, on 27 Sept. 1698. 3 *pages.*

[About Sept. 27.] 52. Petition of several goldsmiths and other persons of the City of London, who had made application to the House of Commons, to

1698. be relieved from the loss suffered by having their silver bullion stopped, and thereupon a supply was granted, upon which they brought other bullion to the Mint; complaining of the delay, and that they were then in a far worse condition than they were before.
(Eight signatures attached.)
"Rec^{d} 27 Sep^{r} '98.
"11th Oct. '98.
"To be considered to-morrow morning." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 28.] 53. Petition of Henry de Nassau, Sieur d'Ouwerkerck, general of horse and commander-in-chief of His Majesty's service in Flanders, showing that he, upon the King's special orders in 1696 and 1697, had contracted for the forrage for the forces in Flanders, to be paid out of the subsistence of the said forces; but none of the undertakers being willing alone to agree upon the same, he was obliged to bind his person and estates in Holland for security; there were 37,000*l.* due, and the undertakers were daily pressing him; praying for payment.
Minuted:—"Read 28 7^{br} '98. To be considered." 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 54. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. The military contingencies fund had been overdrawn 2,258*l.* 19*s.* 10¼*d.*, which could not be allowed to the Receiver-General without the King's particular warrant, desiring them to move His Majesty for the same; proposing also the increase of that fund to 2,000*l.* a year, and an additional allowance on the marching of foot regiments from one garrison to another. Dated 28 Sept. 1698. (One enclosure.) 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 28. 55. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury in respect to the ship "Providence," recapitulating their presentment of 31 Aug. last. Acquainting their Lordships that the duty of 25 *per cent.* and 25*l. per* ton arising upon the goods from the ship, which proved to be French, would amount to 170*l.*, out of which they proposed that 100*l.* might be given to the French gentleman (Mr. Bobin) for his encouragement, and that they might be directed to distribute a bounty of 40*l.* or 50*l.* to the seamen. Dated 28 Sept. 1698.
Minuted:—"Ordered 100^{li} & 40^{li}." 1¼ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 56. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting the states of the accounts. Dated 29 Sept. 1698. ½ *page.*

[About Sept. 29.] 57. Petition of Peter Persehouse, Esq., serjeant-at-arms attending the House of Peers, praying for payment of his salary at 10*s.* a day, having daily attended the house for 220 days. "Rec̃d 29th Sep^{r} '98."
"A warr^{t} for this." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 29.] 58. "Yearly liverys in the Office of the Great Wardrobe, upon the Earle of Montague's acco^{t}, for the year ended at Michas 1698."

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"Yearly wages and fees in the Office of the Workes upon the paymaster's accot, ended last March 1698." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 30. 59. "An account of tallys, Exchequer bills, and malt lottery tickets in the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy's hands, the 30th September 1698; whereof 426,742li. 18. 11. was issued by the Rt Honble ye Lords of the Treasury, for payment of wages, and 128,577*l.* 6. 5. remaines to attend such services as their Ldsps shall direct." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 30.] 60. Replies to an information against John Dutton Colt, Esq., collector of Customs for the port of Bristol, and other officers of that port. He was charged with appointing his footman to discharge ships, which he denied, and explained that his servant Christopher Williamson, and Mr. Peter Davis, discharged one ship of 50 tons. Under the second head of his reply, he says that the port of Bristol for time out of mind had not been served with less than three land surveyors, or three officers who acted as such, and it could not be left with two: only, when the business was not great, one of the three had leave for a little time; but that one of the three had not been seen at the Custom-house one hour in a month, was notoriously false, all three of them attending daily. Signed by J. D. Colt and three others. Read 30 Sept. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Oct. 1698. Mr Hendley saies he sent for the officers at Bristol, examined and found Wmsom. 'Twas only one ship, and he's a tidesman & a good officer. The Custom-house there should be near the key. There have never been less than 3 survrs. He spoke wth Yates & others on this subject. He saies Wmson has his diet but no wages from Mr Colt. He was sworn & gave security. He believes Bristol is this day under as good managemt as any port of England." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 3. 61. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. They had been advised that Mr. Blathwayt had transmitted a new establishment for the expense of the military list, signed by the King, to commence on the 1st of October, and providing for the payment of the army by the calendar month; whereby they would receive less than hitherto; they apprehend it would be an obstruction to the public service, and advise that it should be sent after the session of Parliament and should commence on 1st January, &c. Dated 3 Oct. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 3. 62. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Montague, recommending, at the desire of Lord Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, Captain Ogilvie, his kinsman, who had served all along in the fleet, but was left out in the general reform, viz. to command one of the sloops for preventing the smuggling trade: finishing, "You have heard the account Mr Baker gives of the negligence of some English officers in those employments, I hope therefore you will think it not amiss, to try whether a Scotsman placed among them, may not do better." Dated 3 Oct. '98. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 3. 63. Letter of the same to the Lords of the Treasury, communicating the King's pleasure for the payment of 3,000*l.* on account of the bills for 5,000*l.*, drawn by Lord Pagett for his equipage and other expenses occasioned by his journey to Belgrade, to mediate a peace between the Emperor and the Ottoman Port; further leaving to their Lordships the disposal of the sloop seized at Hamburgh, together with her lading. Dated 3 Oct. '98.

Minuted:—"Read 4 8br. 1698. A warr^{t} to be prepared for the 3,000^{li} upon acc^{o} of his journey."

There is also a minute to the same effect entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 253, on that day. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 3. 64*a*. State of the debt in the office of His Majesty's Works, in the present reign to Michaelmas 1698. "Ex[^{d}] 3 Oct. '98." 1 *page* (*brief size*).

[About Oct. 4.] 64*b*. "An account from the 22^{d} September 1693 to y^{e} 10th Aprill 1697, of severall papers, prints, & proposalls w^{ch} by the direction of Thomas Neale, Esq^{r}., intended for the benefitt of the Publique, & which he has often told me the King promised to pay for, w^{ch} was printed and put out by me Freeman Collins, [Printer]. Humbly presented to y^{e} Right Hon^{ble} the L^{ds} Comm^{rs} of His Mãties Treãry."

Minuted:—"4 8^{br} '89. Send this to M^{r} Neal, & desire him to satisfie his owne cred^{r}." 2 *pages*.

Oct. 5. 65. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, about a debt due to them from the Com^{rs} of the Victualling, asking their Lordships to direct speedy payment thereof. Dated 5 Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 6 8^{br} '98." 2 *pages*.

Oct. $\frac{5}{15}$. 66. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a discharge for John de Sene, signed by the King, &c. Dated Goer, $\frac{5}{15}$ Oct. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. $\frac{5}{15}$. 67. Letter from the same [probably to the same], directing that so much be paid to the Duchess of Mazarine, as would make up a whole year's pension; a half year only having been paid to her upon the late order. Dated Goer, $\frac{5}{15}$ Oct. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 6. 68. Petition of Richard Bovett to the Lords of the Treasury, stating his ability to make discoveries of frauds in the revenue: praying for a present supply of money to proceed therein. Dated 6 Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"When y^{e} discovery is bro^{t} to an issue, my Lords will gratifie him, and their Lo^{ps} desire him to proceed in discovering y^{e} other matters mentioned in his petition."

The following is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., viz., at p. 48, 23 Dec. 1698:—"My Lords tell M^{r} Bovet they are ready to hear & assist in any discovery he can make, but plainly they shall not advance any money before-hand." 1 *page*.

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[About Oct. 6.] 69. Petition of Peter Bernard, agent of the Hon. Col. Farrington, praying that the sum of 200*l.* might be advanced on Capt. Philips' half-pay and arrears due to him, as that sum was owing by the Capt. to Col. Farrington's regiment. Received Oct. 6th 1697.

Minuted:—"Oct. 28, 1698, 200li to be pd to Coll. Farington to dischª the debts in quarters of Capt. Phillips & ye said Phillips' half-pay to be stopt, to make good ye same." 1 *page.*

Oct. 7. 70. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, offering to them the states of the accounts, asking that they would direct the payment of 41,299*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.* due, to complete the 10 *per cent.* allowance on the third subscription, and that the accompanying advertisement for calling in the last payment upon the third contract, might be inserted in the Gazette; that the tellers of the Exchequer or their clerks might deliver to the Trustees the specie Exchequer bills in their possession, paying them the value in money, and that their Lordships would empower the Trustees to make the same non-specie bills, &c.; further asking for payment of their two quarters salary. Dated 7 Oct. 1698.

With minutes in the margin.

Accompanied by the copy of the advertisement referred to. 1½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 7.] 71. Memoranda as to moneys put into the hands of Sir Henry Ashhurst, together with the moneys disbursed, in connection with New England, &c. Undated, but there is this memorandum against one of the bills:—"Done 21 7br 1698."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 255, 7 Oct. 1698, is:—"Sir Henry Ashurst & Mr Clerke; my Lords agree that Sr Henry Ashurst paying to Mr Clerk 594. 8. 6., pursuant to their Lops warrt of 21 7br last, shalbe allowd the remainder of ye sum of 3,000li, wch was putt into his hands; being about 170li." 1 *page.*

Oct. 10. 72. Letter from the Comrs of the Navy to the Earl of Orford, enclosing copies of two letters from the Comrs of the Register; one desiring money for the sick and wounded, and the other for the charges of collecting the moneys for Greenwich Hospital. Dated 10 Oct. 1698.

Accompanied by the copy of the latter only. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 10. 73. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, certifying that the accompanying account contained all the sums paid by him on the bills of the Earl of Galway, and that he had no objection to his having a privy seal to pass his account. Dated 10 Oct. 1698.

Also the account of the Earl of Galway, made up by Mr. Auditor Bridges, containing the sums paid or remitted for the use of the troops that served in Piedmont.

And another paper of allowances craved.

Minuted:—"26 Oct. '98. A privy seal to be prepared." 3 *pages.*

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1698. [About Oct. 11.] 74. Petition of Bartholomew Basset, concerning the seizure of the pink "Jane," sold as prize, for which a payment of 83*l.* 10*s.* was made to the prize office, on which he received but 5*l.*; praying that the Com^rs might make their report, and that he might have his proportion. Received 11 Oct. 1698.
Minuted:—"Ref. to ye Com^rs of Prizes." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 11.] 75. Petition of Thomas Patrick, John Robertson, John Bradley, and John Everson, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they were ordered out on the patrol on 9 Oct. 1697, upon and about Hounslow Heath, where robberies had just been committed by two highwaymen, whom they pursued and came up with near the powder mills, where several shots were exchanged, both sides firing briskly, but the petitioner Patrick, being best horsed, forced them over a stone bridge, and after two miles further pursuit took one, named John Longford, and brought him prisoner to the Red Lion Inn, Hounslow, very much wounded, having made a desperate defence. He was committed to Newgate, having confessed the robberies, but died of his wounds before he was brought to trial; praying payment of the 40*l.* promised by the royal proclamation. Received [*i.e.* the petition] 11 Oct. 1699.
Also two certificates touching the same matter.
Minuted:—"A warr^t for ye 40^l paid p warrant 11^th Nov^r 1698." *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 11.] 76. Report of Wm. Clayton to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Judge, servant to John Warner, goldsmith; recommending the allowance of 40*l.* to him for his care and industry in apprehending Elizabeth Lewis, for endeavouring to put off an Exchequer bill altered from 5*l.* to 60*l.*, and in convicting Aubrey Price, who was executed for altering the same, &c. Referred 11 Oct. 1698.
Minuted:—"My Lords will give him 20 guineas by sec. serv."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 77. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Alexander Walker as to a debt of 46*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* for duties of low wines and spirits, and further respecting a private still kept by him, which was not discovered till several years after its erection; advising that he deserved no favour. Dated 11 Oct. 1698.
Also the petition.
Minuted:—"25 Oct. '98. The soll^r to prosecute ye debt." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 78. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the letters and papers of the Earl of Bellomont, Governor of New York, relating to the revenue there. It seemed there had been a neglect and abuse, in managing the public revenue of that province by Mr. Chidley Brook, the collector thereof; but that revenue, being only for the support of the Government there, and not cognizable before them, they could make no remarks thereon, proper

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for the inspection of the Auditor-General of those revenues; further, they acquaint their Lordships that Mr. Brook was appointed collector at New York of the rates and duties on tobacco and other plantation commodities; being allowed one-third of the profits; he was allowed 50*l.* *per ann.* for his trouble in executing the act for preventing frauds, having also an inspection on Connecticut colony, but the Controller-General of Customs had no account from him, except for 35*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*, collected on commodities landed in New York, out of the ships retaken or bought from the French captors; but Mr. Brook had connived at the importation of East India goods, piratically taken in an unfree ship, and other indirect practices in breach of his trust, and his Lordship having suspended him, they had put a stop to the payment of his salary until he answered the charges. Dated 11 Oct. 1698.

Copies of four letters from the said Earl, a paper showing the state of the revenue in the years 1687 and 1692—3, and a printed proclamation of the Earl against establishing a port at Perth-Amboy, in East New Jersey. Dated 24 May 1698.

[The first letter of 25 May is already described under that date.]

In his letter of 1 July, he goes fully into the charges against Mr. Brooks, with whom he says the late Governor, Col. Fletcher, had a right understanding and friendship, and both of them kept constant cabals and company, and had great intimacy with the merchants, owners of the rich lading of the ship "Fortune," and were suspected to be concerned themselves in her.

Further on he says:—"On my removall of M^r^ Brooks from his offices, with M^r^ Randoll's advice & consent, I constituted Coll. Cortlandt (one of His Majesties Councill & formerly imployed in the Customs, and a man of good repute) and M^r^ Monsey (who was searcher of the Customs here), to be commissioners to execute M^r^ Brooks his offices, during his suspension, and having intelligence where some uncustomed goods were, I sent M^r^ Monsey & M^r^ Evats, a searcher, to seize them, who went, found and seized them at M^r^ Vansweetons' house; but before they could carry them away to the Custom-house, M^r^ Vansweetons called together a number of the merchants, and by their advice locked up all the windows & doors & made y^e^ said officers prisoners in a close garrett, where they made the seizure, & put them in danger of being stifled: news of this was brought me about three hours after, being nine of the clock at night, with notice the officers were in danger of being murthered. I was therefore forced immediately to send my Lieut.-Governour with three files of soldiers & my own servants from the fort, who went & forthwith broke open the doors of Vansweetons' house (which were denyed to be opened to them) & rescued the King's officers, & assisted in carrying the goods seized to y^e^ Custom-house. The merchants of the town were in such an uproar at this seizure (not being used to such things) that they exclaimed against me, as if all English laws & rights were violated, and had the insolence to present to me, a most reproachfull scandalous petition, 'w^ch^ they were heard to,' before myself & councill, and the petition had to

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[? *i.e.* too] moderate a censure; most of the councill being merchants & actually concerned in these ways of trading, however, could not but join, in giving me leave to check the petitioners, which was all the punishment hath as yet been put on so daring an action, as to imprison the King's officers and then complain of the violence of their being released."

Mr. Monsey had refused to serve any longer, which his Lordship traces to the influence of Mr. Brooks, whose servant he had been, and no doubt privy to his corruptions, being, as it was said, rich enough to maintain himself at home, whither he was bound, and as was reported, to justify his master. His Lordship had appointed Mr. Ducy Hungerford, son of Sir George Hungerford, in his place. He had also appointed Mr. Thos. Weaver, agent for the province, who was the bearer of these packets, and had full instructions to afford their Lordships every information.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Oct. 1698."

[This letter is printed in *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 354.] 13 *pages.*

[About Oct. 12.] 79. Petition of Thomas Lord Fairfax to the Lords of the Treasury. In 1690 their Lordships ordered the Attorney-General to give warrant to the Clerk of the Petty Bag, for making forth commissions of inquiry to seize lands converted to superstitious uses: prays for a renewal of the order to the Attorney-General, and that the persons in the annexed list might be made Com^rs.

Also the list.

"Rec^d 12 Oct. '98."

"12 June '99. Ordered." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Oct. 12.] 80. "Memorial about carrying blacks from Guyney to the Spanish West Indies."

A paper so indorsed, stating that there was a contract between the King of Spain and the Guinea Company of Portugal for their delivery of a certain number of blacks in the Spanish West Indies, and that by an Act of Parliament, all ships going from hence to Africa, should return and unload in England, or one of His Majesty's plantations. The writer (whose name does not transpire) was apprehensive that great inconvenience to all ships so laden with blacks, would arise by unloading at the plantations, as well by the mortality of the blacks, as other charges, &c., by which the trade would be lost to the English; further he states that the English merchants concerned in the said contract, were anxious to avoid the unloading, which would be no detriment to the King or the African Company; and prays that they might not be subjected thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Oct. 1698. Com^rs of Customes present. Refer to C. of Customes to informe themselves & to make observations & report." 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 81. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Jones, praying for the acceptance of 135*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* in discharge of a debt of about 400*l.* for duties on

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tobacco imported into Plymouth. They did not see how the petitioner was relievable, unless, in consideration of his suffering circumstances, and his great readiness to spare his ships for the service of the Government at a time when others refused to lend them, their Lordships should give him a compensation to the value of the debt, viz., 235*l.* 10*s.* 10¼*d.* Dated 12 Oct. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Oct. 1698. My Lords cannot relieve the petr." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 12. 82. Report of the same to the same, on certain papers transmitted by Col. Nicholson, Governor of Maryland, referred to them by their Lordships, with directions also to hear Sir Thomas Lawrence, late Secretary of that province, thereon; informing their Lordships that they had directed the Surveyor-General, Mr. Randolph, now in that country, to concert with the Governor how the officers at Annapolis and Williamstadt in Chesapeak Bay, might be settled most advantageously. Two of the papers were the produce of impositions [*i.e.* assessments] for the support of the government there, and not under their inspection. [*Minuted*:—"Send these to Mr. Blathwayt or Mr. Povey."] The third paper was an account of bonds under prosecution, and since an establishment of officers had been settled for the better security of the plantation trade at a charge of 2,000*l.* a year, His Majesty's share might go towards the maintenance of that establishment.

Further informing their Lordships of some things they had observed from their plantation letters, in order that such regulations might be made as were necessary:—I. The plantations were too frequently furnished with European goods, by way of Newfoundland, in exchange for which, tobacco and other commodities were transported to Europe, without touching in England. [*Minuted*:—"The Lords of ye Comtee of Trade will please considr this."] II. In several private "proprieties," there is too easy an admission of an irregular trade. III. The naval officers who were appointed by the Governors in the plantations to take bonds and give certificates for clearing ships, had neglected to comply with the Act for preventing frauds, &c. [*Minuted*:—"This is to be remedyed by an instruction to ye Govrs."] IV. The collectors in the plantations had not been very steady in transmitting their accounts of the revenues to the Controller-General, and the law required a list of ships clearing in the plantations to be transmitted twice a year; but they thought it would be advisable for the collectors to make up their accounts quarterly, and send them and the list by the first opportunity; similar lists being intended to be sent from England. [*Minuted*:—"The Comrs of ye Customes will give direction for this."] V. The sloop "Pickpocket," of New York, whereof Arnold Noding, a Frenchman, was master, being prosecuted, in the court at Maryland, under the Act of Trade and Navigation, the said master produced letters of denization from Col. Fletcher, then Governor of New York, and the sloop was discharged, &c. [*Minuted*:—"The report as to this to be layd before the P. Counsel."] Dated 12 Oct. 1698. 3 *pages.*

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Oct. 12. 83. Presentment of the same to the same, as to a proper recompence for Mr. Prescott, the wine-taster, viewer of "outs" and gauger of wines: in favour of his receiving a bounty of 100*l.* &c. Also one enclosure. Dated 12 Oct. 1698.
Minuted:—"Agreed. W^t sign'd 19^th October 1698." 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 13.] 84. "Petition of George Johnson and others, who severally rid in service as troopers in the hon^ble Brigadeer Villers' Regiment of Horse, on the reduction of Ireland:" praying for payment of their arrears. With ten signatures. Rec^d 13 Oct. '98.
Minuted:—"28 June '99. Dismissd." 1 *page.*

Oct. 13. 85. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, presenting the states of their accounts. Dated 13 Oct. 1698. ½ *page.*

Oct. 13. 86. Memorial of the "Dealers with the Navy," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for some good provision for the "Course of the Navy," then twelve months in arrear, which was longer than had been known, there being 300,000*l.* then due. Dated 13 Oct. 1698.
Minuted:—"Read 18 8^br '98." 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 14.] 87. Application for a minute for giving credit to the regiment commanded by Col. Collingwood, for clothing the troops, they being about to go to the West Indies: with copy of the Minute at the foot. Dated 14 Oct. 1698.
Minuted:—"To be considered when the E. of Ranelagh is p'sent." There is also this memorandum in Mr. Lowndes' hand,—"Look out ye minute. Write a copy of the minute under this mem^ll & carry to Kensington."
The following is the minute referred to, and is in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 261, 14 Oct. 1698:—"Whosoever cloaths Coll. Collingwood's reg^t (w^ch will come to about 1,800^li), my Lords will take care that the same provision shalbe made for ye paym^t thereof, as shalbe made for the cloathing of the regimt^s in Engl^d, notwithstanding this reg^ts going to y^e West Indies, or if they should be disbanded, or otherwise lost, Mr. Collingwood is to bring in an estimate of ye charge." 1 *page.*

Oct. 14. 88. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Henry Ditch, late Quartermaster in Brigadier Schaack's regiment, as to his arrears of pay. Dated 14 Oct. 1698. (Two enclosures.)
Minuted:—"Read 21 Oct. 1698. My Lords cannot pay any part of the arrears of Ireland at present. 26 Oct. '98. My L^ds cannot make a presid^t."
In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 10, is:—"A letter to the Earl of Ranelagh to pay over 10^li to Mr. Vanderesch, for Henry Ditch, on acc^o of his arreares, certified by ye Earle of Ranelagh to be 24. 14. 4." 3 *pages.*

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Oct. $\frac{14}{24}$. 89. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning three warrants signed by the King. His Majesty will signify his pleasure as to the grant of Sir John Friend's forfeited share in the Phœnix Brewhouse by the next post. Dated Loo, $\frac{14}{24}$ Oct. 1698.

The warrants were in favour of—

1. L^{d} Paget, 3,000^{li}.
2. E. Rochester.
3. Sir Wm. Forrester & al^{t}. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 14. 90. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of David Robertson, master of the ship "Swan," as to the involuntary landing of certain tobacco at Lough Swain, or Swinna, in Scotland, where his ship was wrecked, being forced on shore by privateers: they recommend $\frac{1}{2}$ penny a pound to be taken for the tobacco saved. Dated 14 Oct. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition and two other documents.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Nov^{r} '98. Agreed." W^{t} signed 15 Nov. 1698. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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1698. [? About Oct. 15.] 1. Petition of the officers and clerks of the Talley Court, in the receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury: 5,996 tallies had been struck from Easter to Michaelmas 1698, on which they were formerly allowed 599*l.* 12*s.*; they pray that they might receive the same as previously.

Also the certificate of Chr. Montague, Esq., in corroboration. Dated 15 Oct. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 2. Letter signed R. Yard, by direction of the Lords Justices, desiring that the Lords of the Treasury would give instructions that the present to be made to the new Dey of Algiers should be delivered to Mr. Wyndham Cole, who had brought a letter from the Dey with his ratification of the peace, and was then returning with a letter from the King. Also directing 50*l.* to be paid him. Dated 17 Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to be signed by y^{e} Lords Justices for ye 50*l.*, and order ye present to be đd accordingly." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. $\frac{18}{28}$. 3. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's pleasure was that the establishment be not sent into Ireland until further order; the Lords Justices there, having desired that it might not be sent until after the Session of Parliament there. Dated Loo, $\frac{18}{28}$ Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} 25 Oct. '98. M^{r} Clark says the establishm^{t} was sent to Ireland a week ago." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Oct. 18. 4. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the memorial of certain clothiers who had prepared clothing for some of the regiments of foot, lately disbanded there, whose off-reckonings were not sufficient to answer the payments for the said clothing. Dated 18 Oct. 1698. (Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

Oct. $\frac{18}{28}$. 5. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, communicating His Majesty's instructions to stay process against Col. How, one of the grooms of the bedchamber; which was issued against him for taxes on his salary, until his return to England, he being in attendance on the King. Dated Loo, $\frac{18}{28}$ Oct. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 19. 6. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue of Ireland, on the petition of Dame Frances O'Neile, and of Rose, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anne her daughters, widow and orphans of Sir Neile O'Neile, Bart., deceased, praying a lease of Sir Neile's estate for 41 years; certifying that the lady Frances had judgment for 400*l.* *per ann.* with the arrears, and the estate of Sir Neile was liable to 2,500*l.* for portions to her daughters; the gross yearly value of the estate was 1,100*l.*, &c. The inquisitions which had been taken entailed considerable expense, and the expense on this estate was computed at 100*l.* Dated 19 Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"21^st Nov. '98. To be laid before y^e King." *Again:*—"Granted according to the report."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 20. 7. Memorial of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills, to the Lords of the Treasury. They had considered how a loan of 60,000*l.* might be obtained as a quick stock for circulating Exchequer bills in the room of 59,898*l.* 1*s.* 6¾*d.*, part of 100,000*l.* formerly deposited in the hands of the Trustees by the Treasurer of the Navy and Paymaster of the Army; they offer a proposal to their Lordships' consideration, upon which, if it were accepted, they would advance the loan among themselves. Dated 20 Oct. 1698.

The proposal with eight signatures;—they required 6 *per cent.* and a gratuity of 2 *per cent.* within ten days after the 59,898*l.* 1*s.* 6¾*d.* should be repaid to the Navy and Army.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Oct. '98. Read again, 28^th, Trustees present. My Lords conclude with them at 6 *per cent. per annum.*, with an allowance of 1 *per cent.* for their care & paines in this service."

This minute is also in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 5, 28 Oct. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 8. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the reception of His Majesty's new establishment, but it was not their intention to take notice of it during the sessions of Parliament, for the reasons stated in their letter of the 3rd instant; and further commenting on the reception of full-pay monthly, by the forces. Dated 20 Oct. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

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Oct. 21 and 22. 9. Letter of Lord Bellomont, unaddressed, but commencing "My Lords." On the 6th, Capt. Schuyler returned from Canada and brought him a letter from the Governor, a copy of which he now sent (No. 1), together with the captain's journal of his voyage (No. 2) and the minute of council taken at his arrival at New York (No. 3), by which they would see the French had given over their design of invading the Indians for the present; he sent the copy of information of Col. Cortlandt, one of the Com^rs of Revenue there, against the goods of Van Sweeten, merchant, seized by his (the writer's) order, and Mr. Van Sweeten's confession of judgment thereon, which was further evidence of the ship "Fortune" being a foreign bottom (No. 4). Also the bill of appraisement (No. 5). Further the depositions of Mr. Ludlow, a merchant there, of 2,500*l.* worth of East India goods brought to him to conceal (No. 6). They would see Mr. Wilson, the sheriff, was concerned in it. [See a previous paper at p. 214]. Brooks, the late collector, boarded with him, and he (the writer) was certain was privy to the concealment. He sent a certificate of the surveyor-general, of several most extravagant grants of land by Col. Fletcher (No. 7). Lieut. Hunt, who would sail from Boston in the "Deptford," man-of-war, would deliver to their Lordships a new map of the province (too bulky to make up in this packet), made by the surveyor, the exactest yet made, in which were described the large tracts granted, with the grantees' names. The whole province was given to about 30 persons, to the great prejudice of the Crown; because this, the most considerable province, could never be well peopled; for men would not care to become base tenants to proprietors of lands in this province, when they could buy the fee simple of lands in the Jerseys for 5*l.* per 100 acres, and as cheaply in Pennsylvania. Col. Fletcher (though not empowered) took money for all the grants, except that of the Mohacks' land. If he had reserved a reasonable quit rent to the Crown he would have been less to blame; but the rents reserved were trifling. He hoped their Lordships would find a way of voiding these extravagant grants and limiting all Governors to a certain number of acres, and oblige them to reserve a half crown on every 100 acres to the Crown, and that they would restrain them from selling. He should think 1,000 acres sufficient to grant to any one, for the clearing the land from wood cost 4*l.* 10*s.* *per* acre all the country over, so that 1,000 acres would require a good purse, the country being all under great woods. And yet Mr. Dellius, the minister at Albany, besides his share of the Mohacks' land, had another grant of 700,000 acres.

The gentlemen he suspended from the council were confident of being restored. In the depositions about Mr. Pinhorn two material circumstances were omitted, one was that he spoke scandalous words against the King, similar to the cant of the Jacobites in England. He looked very guilty, and what confirmed his guilt was that he entertained one Smith, a Jesuit, in his house. Mr. Nicholls, since his suspension for being a broker between Col. Fletcher and some pirates, continued to correspond with them. He (the writer) sent

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John Williamson's depositions, which mention scurrilous words spoken against him (the writer) by the man and woman of the house. Nicolls had been a most restless incendiary against him. He sent also another deposition of Williamson concerning pirates' money; the most remarkable thing in it was Col. Willet's great care to conceal the money from him. Jones, formerly a pirate, endeavoured to clear Col. Willet; but he could not credit his evidence. Benjamin Thurston's deposition greatly confirms the evidence of Williamson. These and other depositions were bound together. (No. 8).

The 28th of last month he suspended Colonels Bayard, Minvielle, Willet, Townley, and Mr. Lawrence from the council, finding it absolutely necessary; they always complied with Col. Fletcher, but were always "resty" and perverse in everything the writer proposed. By his instructions he had to give his reasons for suspending every counsellor, and he sent his reasons (No. 9) against Col. Bayard, who had not yet sent an answer. The same reasons applied to the others as to Col. Bayard and to Brooks, Nichols, and Pinhorn. Besides those reasons, these gentlemen dissented when he proposed that the merchants should give bonds, when they sent four ships to Madagascar, not to trade with pirates, and *that* had made him sick of such counsellors. The four persons he had appointed of the council to make up the seven were Col. Abraham Depeyster, Mr. Robert Livingston, Doctor Samuel Stoats, and Mr. Robert Walters, men of good estates and reputation. The Government were under no small obligation to Mr. Livingston, for were it not for him the companies would have deserted long since, as there were 2,500*l.* due for their subsistence, he having undertaken to victual them, purely to serve the government; there were then almost 4,000*l.* due. He begged their Lordships to interpose with the paymaster-general thereon. These four companies were on the same establishment as those in England, therefore he wondered how they were so neglected. He desired the four gentlemen named might have the King's letter of confirmation. Mr. Weaver, the agent, would pay the fees. Mr. Phillips resigned his counsellor's place from age, and Mr. Lawrence was superannuated, being 82 years of age.

He also displaced the same day Mr. David Jamison from being clerk of the council and deputy secretary; he was a Scotchman, and condemned to be hanged in Scotland for blasphemy and burning the Bible; but was transported to this province "and sold a servant;" he was a professed atheist and had two wives. He was first in Col. Fletcher's confidence and favour, and he commended him to everybody as the honestest man he ever knew; he had enriched himself by extortion and other works of darkness, but chiefly in the grants of land sold by Col. Fletcher by brokage. The writer would have dismissed him sooner, but Mr. Clement, who was to have come over as his secretary, disappointed him dirtily, so that he was unprovided with a secretary, and found so general a corruption that he knew not whom to trust.

There was so much disaffection to the Government that he re-

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resolved to appoint Com^rs to go all over the province and tender the oaths to his Majesty, the Test, and Association, to all people, by which means he should discriminate the professed Jacobites, of whom it was said the number was not small.

Some of the people of the town were so enraged against him, because they were under the notion that Mr. Weaver was his friend, he having made him counsel for the King on two occasions. Wilson brought an action against Mr. Weaver for saying that Wilson was forsworn, for making the return of members to serve in the last assembly, and the jury gave 500*l.* damages; but there were such pregnant reasons in arrest of judgment that it was believed there was an end of the suit. Another reason of their prejudice to Mr. Weaver was (as the writer conceived) several of the merchants endeavoured to bribe Mr. Weaver, and the writer by him; but he rejected their offers with indignation and honour.

About three weeks since the relations of Mr. Leisler and Mr. Milburn desired leave to take up the bodies that had been buried near the gallows, and give them Christian burial in the Dutch church there, to which the writer consented, chiefly out of respect to the Act reversing the attainder of those two men, which Act legitimated Capt. Leisler's assuming the government of this province, and put a censure on the illegality of his execution. He enclosed the Act (No. 10). There was a third motive,—Col. Fletcher had refused to restore their heirs, according to the Act, to their estates. He (the writer) had been told that the rage of some of that party had transported them to burn the Act, vilifying it as an Act surreptitiously obtained in the Parliament of England. He, who valued no Englishman who was not a hearty lover of English laws, thought it proper to assert the Act, which had been treated with infamy. His design was chiefly to give the people a just idea of the English laws, that they have the stamp of the highest authority of the King and nation of England, and ought to be respected as sacred. There was great opposition made to the burying of these two men by the contrary party, &c. It was said 1,200 people attended the funeral, and there would have been more, but a "rank storm" blew for two or three days and hindered the people from crossing the rivers. Dated New York, 21 Oct. 1698.

P.S.—His Lieut.-governor, Capt. Nanfan, was newly arrived from Albany; he had had a conference with several Sachems of the five nations of Indians, to dissuade them from going to Canada to exchange prisoners with the French. The writer sent the captain's narrative of that conference (No. 11). He (the writer) distinguished the proofs now sent for suspending Col. Bayard from those formerly sent in a list (No. 9).

He could not send the state of the revenue and accounts, but would send by the "Deptford," which would go to Boston in ten days. Dated 22 Oct. 1698.

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Accompanied by a list of the papers referred to, but the papers are now missing. [They are, however, for the most part to be found in the collection of papers of the Board of Trade and Plantations, Vol. V., pp. 15 *et seq.*] 9 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 10. Letter of R. Yard to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords Justices had been informed by the consul at Algiers that that government expected ships belonging to the King's subjects to be furnished with passes, according to the articles of peace; requiring the Com^rs^ of Customs to give notice thereof in all the ports. Dated 21 Oct. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 22. 11. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a list showing the appraisements of goods seized, from which the King's share would be less by a condemnation than by a just entry and payment of the duties; seeking that the King's Council might advise with the Barons of the Exchequer or that measures might be taken that the seizer might not have opportunity to run the public revenue into his own pocket by a collusion with the merchant. Dated 22 Oct. 1698.

The list and copy of their presentment of 16 May 1698 on the same subject.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Oct. '98. Direct the Com^rs^ to advise with the King's Counsel. Their Lo^ps^ canot advise w^th^ the Barons in a matter that may come in judgment before them." 5 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 12. Copy of a letter unsigned [but from Lord Bellomont], to the Lords of the Council of Trade and Plantations, on the state of the frontiers and fortifications of the province of New York. Col. Fletcher valued himself very much for defending the frontiers, but it was a happy thing they were not attacked; the Governor of Canada could hardly have known the weak condition of the garrisons; if the last winter had not been the severest ever known, the French would certainly have destroyed Albany and Schennechtady. They were prepared at Montreal with 1,500 pair of raquettes or snow shoes, 140 small boats, and 250 canoes; but the snow being deeper than the height of a man, they dare not venture. Albany and Schennechtady were equally defenceless, having only a single row of stockades, and no ditch or wall, so that an enemy might come with their musquets and single out what men they pleased. The stockades had wide spaces between them, and were even with the ground. If the French had attacked Albany, they could not have failed taking it, &c. The five nations of Indians would then have revolted. Their Lordships would see by the two addresses from Albany and Schennechtady, printed with the conferences, sent by the "Fowy" frigate, that they earnestly desired good defensible forts built. Col. Romer had viewed those places particularly, and estimated that two stone forts with barracks would cost 9,000*l.*; he would go over in the "Deptford" from Boston, and would have waited on their Lordships with the plans, had he not been recalled by the board of

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ordnance. Where the 9,000*l.* was to come from he (the writer) could not imagine. The assembly would not be brought to continue the present revenue to build those forts: besides this town and county were rich, and so were the inhabitants of Long Island, *alias* Nassau Island, because of their lying convenient for trade; but all the inland parts of the province were poor. In his next letter on the revenue and accounts, he should propose a fund to build these forts, and hoped their Lordships would obtain the King's order, that they might be begun the next spring, and he desired Col. Romer might be sent over again, for he had a great opinion of his honesty, and he (the writer) would use his best endeavour that neither he, nor anybody else, should make a hand of building those forts; 'twas wonderful to him why the Col. was recalled when he had been there but six months. If those forts were built and well garrisoned, the French could never make any impression on the province, and it would secure the obedience of the five nations of Indians; for they were as sensible of our weakness as we were. There were formerly two or three little forts, more advanced towards Canada than Albany and Schennechtady, but in his opinion they were superfluous; those two places would be enough. They were both well seated for frontier places, Albany for covering all the province from attacks on Canada side, and Schennechtady for doing that in part, and also for covering the Mohaks and the rest of the Indians.

There is a postscript which explains that when there was a war the Halfmoon and Canastagione were esteemed very necessary to be fortified. Dated New York, 24 Oct. 1698.

Printed among *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 409.

[The original of this (apparently), is also unsigned. See the collection of papers of the Board of Trade and Plantations, Vol. V., p. 87.] 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 23 to Oct. 24. 13. Papers relating to the seizure of certain prize goods on board the ship the "St. Peter," in which Mr. Underdown, Mr. Bovett, a solicitor, and one Richard Bayly, a ship's carpenter, were concerned. One of the papers relates to embezzlements on board the "Anglesey." Dated between 23 Aug. and 24 Oct. 1698. 7 *pages and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Oct. 24. 14. An estimate of the debt of His Majesty's Navy, on the heads under-mentioned, as it stood on the 30th September last. Dated 24 Oct. 1698.

The heads are:—Wear and Tear, Seamen's Wages, Victualling, Sick and Wounded, and Register Office. The total was 2,368,037*l.* 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 25. 15. Report of Mr. Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Geary, Esq., praying commissions of inquiry might issue for finding the King's title to certain derelict lands in the counties of Somerset and Devon, amounting (as alleged) to some thousands of acres; recommending

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The petition and five other enclosures.

Minuted :—"My Lds. agree w^th^ ye Att.-Gen^ll^ rep^t^." 3 *pages and* 5 *halves.*

Oct. 25. 16. Memorial from the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on behalf of Richard Scott, one of the General Surveyors of Excise, who, together with John Michell, supervisor of Excise, had apprehended Thomas Johnson and others, who had circulated certain counterfeit Exchequer bills, for which the said Johnson was executed; recommending them to their Lordships' favour. Dated 25 Oct. 1698.

Minuted :—"Scott to have fifty pounds, Mitchel twenty pounds. A warr^t^ or letters pa^t^ dorm^t^." 1 *page.*

Oct. 25. 17. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Sir George Meggott and his partners, who had lost by fire 60 barrels and three firkins of strong beer, on which they had paid the duties of excise; in favour of the petitioners. Dated 25 Oct. 1698. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted :—"Allowed." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 18. "Comm^rs^ of Excise 2^d^ presentm^t^ to the Treasury, about vinegar and vinegar beer:" asking their Lordships' directions how the duties should be charged for the future. Dated 25 Oct. 1698. (One enclosure.)

Minuted :—"This day senight."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 9, 1 Nov. 1698, is :—"The report concerning the dutys on vinegar beer & vinegar is read." 2¼ *pages.*

Oct. 25. 19. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending a warrant for a grant to Japhet Crook, of Sir John Friend's share in the Phœnix Brewhouse. Dated Loo, 4 Nov. 1698, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Oct. 25.] 20. Petition of John Blake, agent to the garrison of Plymouth, to the Lords of the Treasury. He supplied Peter Ceely, late Fort Major there, in his great necessities, with 40*l.*, and engaged for 40*l.* more: seeks for payment thereof.

Minuted :—"Rec^d^ 25^th^ Oct. '98. Read 26^th^ do. My Lords can do nothing in this."

Enclosing a brief memorandum entitled :—"Major Pet^r^ Ceely, late Fort Major of Plymouth, his pretensions stated." [He claims 275*l.* 4*s.*] 1½ *pages.*

[? About Oct. 26.] 21. Memorial of the agents for bringing in taxes, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was due to them; accompanied by :—

A bill of incidents laid out and expended in the office of the agents for bringing in taxes, &c. from the 25th of March 1698 to the 29th of September 1698.

Minuted :—"Read 26 Oct. '98. A warrant for this, and to be paid out of seizures." 2½ *pages.*

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Oct. 26. 22. Letter from the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, *docquetted*:—"From Navy Office, relating to a bill of 350^li drawn on the victuall^rs." Dated 26 Oct. '98.

The second Minute is:—"3 Jan. '98. Com^rs of Navy say this was in ye 1^st year of ye warr. A transport service, and transferrd by ye K. ord^r with all other things of this nature to ye Transport office, who will pay it if money be furnished." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 26.] 23. Petition of Catherine Clench, mother of Bruen Clench, who lost his eyes on board one of the King's ships, and was allowed 40*l.* a year; praying payment of the arrears to the time of his death, viz., from Midsummer 1695 to 19 Nov. 1696.

Also a certificate of his burial. Dated 21 Sept. 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 3, 26 Oct. 1698, is:—"50^li to be p^d to the widd. Clench, in full of all arrears of her son's pension, & the pension to cease." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Oct. 27. 24. Letter from Lord Bellomont [Governor of the province of New York], to the Lords of the Treasury. He had directed Mr. Weaver, the agent for that province, to wait on their Lordships with some papers relating thereto. He was forced to write all the drafts of his letters himself as Mr. Clements disappointed him just at his leaving London, and was forced to make a general letter of affairs under his administration serve for their Lordships and the rest of the ministers. He hoped their Lordships would find means to vacate the grants of land in Col. Fletcher's time, to prevent the ruin of the province, and that they would restrict all Governors from granting above 1,000 acres, and to reserve a quit rent of half a crown on every hundred acres, and forbid the sale of any lands on pain of loss of employment. He had made a full representation on these matters, which Mr. Weaver was to communicate.

Next week he would send a state of the revenue, &c. Dated New York, 27 Oct. '98.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Xbr. '98." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Oct. 27. 25. An account of salaries due to the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, and their officers, &c. for one quarter of a year, commencing the 28th of July 1698 and ending the 27th of October following. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 26. Letter from Mr. William Popple to William Lowndes, Esq., sending, by command of the Council of Trade, a copy of a representation and instruction which they had prepared to be laid before the Lords Justices in Council, desiring him to lay the same before the Lords of the Treasury. He was commanded to add concerning the remaining part of the extract (which related to irregular trade to and from the plantations by way of Newfoundland), that they would be mindful to make use of it, as they found most for the King's service. Dated 27 Oct. 1698.

Accompanied by the "representation" mentioned, and the reply

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of the Lords Justices respecting the non-compliance with the Act of Parliament for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in the plantation trade, by the naval officers appointed by the Governors in the respective plantations in America, they having omitted to take bonds and give certificates for clearing ships. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 27. 27. A certificate from the Com^rs^ of the victualling concerning the Excise debt. Dated 27 Oct. 1698. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 28. "A reply of Richard Bovett to a scandalous and mallicious paper given in against him to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ the L^ds^ Comm^rs^ of his Ma^ties^ Treasurie by Rich^d^ Baily, late carpenter of the Anglesea. October the 27th 1698."

It was a quarrel about money transactions between the two persons: 21*l.* according to the writer remained due to him. Dated 27 Oct. 1698. 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 27.] 29. Petition of Tho. Vincent, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an arrear of 1,800*l.* "set *in super*" on the proprietors of the New River water, for the poll granted in the first year of the reign.

Minuted:—"27 Oct. '98. To be layd before ye K. Granted."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 60, 25 Jan. 1698, is:—"M^r^ Tho. Vincent's petition read for ye remainder of 1,800^li^ sett on ye proprietors of ye New River water for y^e^ 1^st^ poll. Granted." 1 *page.*

Oct. 28. 30. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Drummers and Fife of the household, as to their pay; certifying that their pay from 1 Dec. 1695 to 1 Dec. last amounted to 240*l.* Dated 28 Oct. 1698. (Three enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Read 7 Nov. '98. Order my Lord Ranelagh to putt this demand upon his memorial."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 32, 23 Nov. 1698, is:—"240^li^ to ye Drūmers & Fife by tallys on ye same 9^th^ paym^t^" [*i.e.* of the two millions]. 1 *page and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Oct. 28. 31. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending His Majesty's commands that the Duchess of Mazarin be immediately supplied with a year's pension, the King understanding from her Grace that she was in very great distress for the want thereof: adding that His Majesty was "very earnest that there be a speedy compliance therewith." Dated Loo, 28 Oct. 1698, O.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 29. 32. A precisely similar report of the Attorney-General (Trevor) to that of 25 Oct. (No. 15), on the petition of Joseph Ayloff, as to derelict lands lying in the parishes of Winchelsea, Rye, and Guildford, in the county of Sussex: with the same recommendation. Dated 29 Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"28 June '99. My L^ds^ agree w^th^ ye Attorney-Gen^lls^ report."

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Accompanied by the petition and four other enclosures, together with :—

"The humble representation and memoriall of Francis Geary and Joseph Ayloffe, Esq^rs, in answer to the reports of the Attorney Generall hereunto annexed." 13 *leaves.*

Oct. 33. Papers relating to the way certain prisoners in Newgate, who had been French smugglers, should be allowed to pay their respective fines, which had been given to Greenwich Hospital. Dated in the month of Oct. 1698.

Minuted:—"W^t done." 8 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 34. "Comm^rs of Excise y^r memorial to the Treasury about oyled leather:" asking directions as to the duties to be levied on leather. Dated 1 Nov. 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 9, 1 Nov. 1698, is:—

"M^r Attorney, M^r Soll^r & Com^rs of Excise upon reading the Com^rs report concerning white leather, after converted into oyle leather. The King's counsel are of opinion the higher duty ought to be charged, to wit, for oyle leather; but upon the partys making proof that a lower duty was paid for the same, as for white leather, the lower duty soe paid ought to be abated." $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[About Nov. 1.] 35. Petition of Benjamin Cole to the Lords of the Treasury. He, with one Johnson and Cooper, were committed to Bedford gaol for counterfeiting Exchequer bills, and were removed by *Habeas corpus* to Newgate, when he was admitted evidence against Johnson, who was executed; praying to have bail taken for his appearance.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 1^st Nov. '98. Read 16 Nov. '98. My Lords are not concerned in ye subject matter of this petition." 1 *page.*

Nov. 2. 36. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Peter Killigrew, Knt. and Bart., praying for the delivery up of certain bonds to the value of 255*l.* 4*s.* $8\frac{3}{4}d.$; wherein he became bound for one Carpenter, for duties of tobacco imported at Falmouth: informing their Lordships that all they knew of the matter was contained in a report of Mr. Medcalfe, their solicitor's assistant, and though the case was hard, the King's debt was unpaid. Dated 2 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"Respited."

The petition and a certificate relating thereto.

There is also another petition (undated) from him, in which the amount for which he was bound is stated to be 223*l.* 5*s.*, and he states as reasons why he should be considered, that he had considerably advanced the coinage duty of tin, as Receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall, and the trade and customs of the port of Falmouth, by building at his own charge, a public key and pier. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 37. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Francis Barry, of Kensington, gent., praying for employment, enclosing a

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scheme of his to prevent the frauds practised in the Thames above bridge westward, as far as Wallingford in Oxfordshire, which they so far approved as to be inclined to try the experiment, and proposed to allow him 100*l.* or 120*l.* *per ann.* for himself, horses and servants, and the use of the coasting boats above bridge. Dated 2 Nov. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition, a certificate, and the said scheme.

Minuted:—"Approved for one year at 120li without incidents, and the Comrs to report at ye year's end what service is done before he be further continued. Wt signed." 4¼ *pages.*

Nov. 2. 38. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Nathaniel Ives, on the case of the ship "Two Friends," which had been twice seized under the Navigation Act. Also as to the ship "Charles," seized under the same Act. Dated 2 Nov. 1698.

Three affidavits, a letter of the said Ives, and the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 2d Nov. 1698. My Lords find no ground for them to give any order in this." 6½ *pages.*

Nov. 2. 39. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of John Lambert and others, praying to be relieved against the forfeiture of the above ship "Two Friends" and her lading, seized by one Ives upon a supposed breach of the Act of Navigation; advising that the petitioners should be relieved from the forfeiture. Dated 2 Nov. 1698.

The petition and five other papers.

Minuted:—"Agreed. Wt signed 4 Novr 1698." 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 8. 40. Memorial of George Dodington, Paymaster to the Right Hon. Edward, Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, as to payment of clerks employed in returning weekly certificates of the receipts and issues of wages.

With an enclosure. Dated 8 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 10th Nov. 1698. My Lords think it fitting to keep these clerks at the King's charge, till further order. To be paid out of mo for the extra service of ye navy." 1 *page and* 4 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 8. 41. Representation of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for speedy relief in this great exigency, the board having accepted bills for above 6,000*l.*, which had laid so long unpaid, that unless the arrears were paid, the cries of the poor people would grow intolerable. Dated 8 Nov. 1698.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 16, 8 Nov. 1698, is:—"Comrs of Sick & Wounded. There are 6,000li in bills of Excha upon them, & 2,000li due at Plymo most pressing at present." 1 *page.*

Nov. 8. 42. Enclosures to a letter which was sent to the Lords Comrs of the Council of Trade and Plantations, dated 8 Nov. 1698. The

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letter itself is printed among *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York,* Vol. IV., p. 421, and the duplicate copies of the enclosures are with the Board of Trade Collection, Vol. V., pp. 163 to 210. They all relate to the affairs of the province of New York, viz. :—

1. A list of several persons that had given credit to the government and had warrants or orders of council for their money passed during Col. Fletcher's administration, being before the 2d of April 1698, when the Earl of Bellomont arrived as Governor of New York.

A list of debts owed by the government at the same date, besides those for which orders of council had been passed.

Memorial of Stephen Van Cortland, receiver of the revenues, addressed to the said Earl, representing that several persons had due to them out of the tax raised by the General Assembly of that province several sums, which could not be paid by reason of the non-payment of the taxes, showing to what the arrears for each county amounted.

"A list of the debts that the Governor of New York owed the 30th of August 1692, when Col. Fletcher, the late Governor, arrived."

2. A general state of all the public money that had been raised and paid from the 29th of Sept. 1692 to the 25th day of March 1698, during the time that Col. Fletcher had the administration of his Majesty's government of New York.

3. Copy of the establishment of 4 companies of foot for New York.

4. An account of money paid by his Excel. Col. Benjamin Fletcher, His Majesty's capt.-general & governor-in-chief of the province of New York, &c., upon the credit of the 30 *per cent.* surplusage, arising from the pay of His Majesty's established companies garrisoned in this province, &c.

5. Account current of the said 30li *per cent.*

6. Observations on the state of the 30 *per cent.*

7. The Earl of Bellomont's order to Cols. Courtland and Bayard, members of the council, to survey the fort at New York and the Governor's house within the same, and examine what repairs were necessary for both, with their report upon the said order. The estimate of the charge of reparations amounting to 1,515*l.* Dated 10 Apr. 1698.

8. "An acco^{t} of victualing Col. Fletcher's comp. of Fuzileers in his Majesty's pay at New Yorke."

9. Copy of certificate of Col. Cortland and Mr Livingston, finding by the provision book kept by them what the amount was, that was paid to Col. Fletcher on account of his perquisite of 10*s.* *per* man *per ann.* for every man that was victualled by the victuallers. Some time after Col. Slaughter, the predecessor of Col. Fletcher, arrived, viz., in May 1691, by certain articles between them, the victuallers were to have 5*d.* a day for each man, out of which they were to pay as a perquisite the said 10*s.* a year, which they did in Col. Slaughter's and Col. Ingoldsby's time, & so continued till Col. Fletcher's time,

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but provisions having grown dearer they were not inclined to continue the same, except the allowance were advanced; but the government would not allow more than 5*d.* a day for the provision of the established forces, and so of late they had allowed him no perquisite, but for the fuzileers. Dated 3 Nov. 1698. 27 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 8.] 43. Petition of Chidley Brook, collector of the Customs in New York, America, to the Lords of the Treasury. He executed his office with great diligence and integrity, and to the approbation of the Com^rs^ of Customs in England, until the arrival of the Earl of Bellomont, now Governor there, when he was suspended. Prays that he might have copies of the articles against him, and that their Lordships would admit him to make his defence personally or by counsel.

Minuted:—"Read 8^th^ 9^br^ '98. When my Lords read my Lord Bellomont's papers they will consider what orders are fitt for them to give upon this petition." 1 *page.*

Nov. 10. 44. Report of Mr. John Povey to the Lords of the Treasury, "upon Col. Nicholson's letter of the 26th of May 1698, about the accompts from Mariland, &c.," of which province he was late Governor. Dated 10 Nov. 1698.

Also the letter and various accounts and other papers relating to the revenue of Maryland.

The papers are *minuted:*—"Read 22 7^br^ '98. Transmitt these to C. Customes. Direct Sir T. Lawrence to attend y^m^, and when they have perused and considered these papers, to returne them to W. L. [William Lowndes], that they may be sent to y^e^ Plantation office." 27 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Nov. 10. 45. Letter of the Marquis of Carmarthen to the Lords [of the Treasury]. He had received their Lordships' answer, that they had granted the office of writer of the tallies, &c. to Mr. Chr. Montague, for life, and was to know from him his resolutions as to the matter of privilege. He should not have omitted that inquiry being in present possession of the office. In Mr. Lowndes' letter there was no answer to that part of his Lordship's, relating to their Lordships' privileges. He was informed by his "council" he must give their Lordships some trouble in prosecution of his right to that office, their Lordships having denied admittance to him, and given the same to Mr. Chr. Montague, contrary to the express direction of his patent. Praying an answer to that part of his Lordship's letter. Dated 10 Nov. 1698.

The following *Minute* of 9 Sept. 1698, though of a previous date to the above letter, relates to the subject of it, and is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 235:—

"Marq^s^ Carmarthen abt S^r^ Rob^t^ Howards place as aud^r^. } Marq^s^ of Carmarthen saies he was at a distance when S^r^ R. H. dyed, or he had attended here sooner. His Lordship produces his patent for the office, late of S^r^ Rob^t^ Howard, w^ch^ is read.

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" Mr Chancellr saies they have searched all the precedts & find by all of them, for some hundred years, this office is in the guift of ye Treasury. Particularly this office was given to Sr R. H. by his Lops father ; & being obliged to assert their owne right, have given it to Mr Chr Montague.

" Marqs.—I have heard as much. My patent does oblige me to attend yor Lops, 'tis my right, & I will defend it. As to my father's admitting Sr R. H., he was the last man in ye world to have been admitted, if it were in his power. He demands of my Lords to admitt him as Sr R. H. was admitted by his father, in the same manner.

" Chr.—If the right be not wth us, the law may decide it as soon as yor Lopp pleases.

" Mr Smith.—We would not do anything unkind to you or Coll. Strangewaies if it were not to pserve a right wch we think we have.

" His Lop offers his service ; saies he will mainteyne his right, & carrys away the patent." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 46. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the state of the account, and asking that their Lordships would direct the payment of 500*l.* wanting to complete the 10 *per cent.* allowance on the third contract, &c.

[*Minuted :*—" To be pd out of ye 4th paymt of ye 2 May."]

Also that the officers of the Exchequer might be directed to apply the loans remaining in the Exchequer, and those which should be brought in, upon the second 3*s.* aid, towards cancelling Exchequer bills.

[*Minuted :*—" Orderd to be done according to the Act."]

Dated 10 Nov. 1698.

Also the copy of an order on the trustees for payment of more than 50,000*l.* Dated 19 March 1697.

Also a balance sheet. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 47. Order in Council, on reading the report from the Comrs of the Customs, concerning salaries of 50*l.* and 30*l.* ordered to be settled on a Protestant divine and a schoolmaster in the province of Pennsylvania; returning the report to the Comrs for a true state of the matters relating to the grant mentioned in their report, of the duty of a penny a pound, in Virginia and Maryland, upon tobacco exported from thence to His Majesty's plantations in America. Dated 10 Nov. 1698.

The report and a previous order in Council relative thereto.

Minuted :—" 16 April 1700. Read." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 11. 48. Report of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Arthur Shallet, merchant, concerning the freight due to 13 ships for transport service ; 12 being employed in transporting the army from Holland and Flanders to England

Scotland, and Ireland, and one to carry provisions to Newfoundland: certifying what was due. Dated 11 Nov. 1698. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Read 16 9^{br} '98. My Lords will speak wth ye Com^{rs} of Transports the next time they come." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 49. A paper headed:—"A list of His Ma^{ts} ships which have been paid since, and which are to be call'd in succession to the printed list, with their beginning and ending of wages, when paid, & what sumes remain due to each." Dated 11 Nov. 1698.

[Most likely an enclosure.] 5¼ *pages.*

Nov. 8 and 12. 50. Letter of Captain Geo. Stidson to Mr. Lowndes, desiring his favour for the King's part of certain silks and other goods at Seaford, about to be condemned. Dated 8 Nov. 1698.

Also another paper containing the value of the goods. Dated 12 9^{br} 1698.

Part of the docquet is as follows:—"The goods to be sold by inch of candle for exportation. Capt^{n} Baker prosecutes this cause.—Walter Yonge." *Part of a page and a few lines.*

[? About Nov. 12.] 51. Petition of Charles Whitaker, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of his fee, as foreign apposer, for one year and a half, viz., 60*l.*

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to pay him as farr as others."

With a certificate thereon. Dated 12 Nov. 1698. 2 *pages.*

14 Nov. 52. Letter from Lord Bellomont, Governor of the province of New York, to Mr. Lowndes. He hoped Mr. Weaver, the agent for that province, waited on him sometimes to inform him how affairs were managed there. He need not trouble Mr. Lowndes, as he would have his long letters to read to their Lordships. He desired he would rectify any errors, in form, in the accounts; as to the fact, he believed they were just.

One Bayard, suspended from being His Majesty's counsel, was gone for England. He had been a great incendiary, and a most restless, turbulent man. The town had been much quieter since he went. He ran away the day he was suspended, being afraid of Leisler's friends, whom he had persecuted with great violence. By knavery he was worth 6,000 or 7,000*l.*, and he carried over 1,000*l.* to purchase Brookes', the late collector's place there. His son, who was a blockhead, betrayed the secret. He believed their Lordships would avoid sending a man to that post who was his declared inveterate enemy. He did not suppose the money would prevail, but it was not impossible he might make friends to influence their Lordships. Dated New York, 14 Nov. '98. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Nov. 14. 53. Report of Mr. Pauncefort to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was due to Captain Martin Laycock for his arrears. He had been in the Lord Charlemont's regiment in Ireland, and in Lieut.-General Douglas's regiment. Dated 14 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"15 Nov. '98. Ref. this, as to conting^{t} charges to M^{r} Clerk."

Also four enclosures. 1 *page and* 5 *parts of pages.*

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Nov. 15. 54. Letter from the Lord Chief Justice Holt, Mr. Justice Rokeby, and Mr. Baron Powys, to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an account of the loss they sustain by taking malt tickets for their salaries. The rest of the judges had the good fortune to have their tickets come up into early payments. They hoped their Lordships would make good their loss. Dated 15 Nov. 1698. Signed.

Accompanied by the account referred to.

The loss to two of them would be 142*l.* 10*s.*; and to the third 111*l.* 3*s.*

There is a memorandum that those amounts were paid.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX, p. 22, is:—"150li to Mr Booth for ye last qur, to be pd out of Excise mo; 142. 10. 0. to Ld Ch. Justice Holt; 111. 3. 0. to Justice Rokeby; & 142. 10. 0. to Baron Powys, for their loss in malt ticqts, given them for their sallarys; to [be] p[ai]d out of Excise mo, by way of secret service." 2 *pages.*

15 Nov. 55*a*. Petition of Charles Brawne, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, being an answer to the reports of the Comrs of Excise on the case of Mr. John Allen, late collector of the Excise for the city of Bristol, for whom the petitioner was security. Dated (on the dorse) 15 Nov. '98.

Also an affidavit of John Allen, of Brewley, in the county of Somerset, gent. Sworn 8 Nov. 1698.

[See the report of 20 Dec. 1695, Vol. XXXV. No. 36.]

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 22, 15 Nov. 1698, is:—"Comrs of Excise call'd in. Mr Brawn's 2 reports & his answer are read. He ought to pay the 820li 13. 2½. on ye accot of Mr Allen, for whom he is security, & ye Comrs of Excise are to take care that it be paid." 2 *pages* (*brief size*).

Nov. 15. 55*b*. Report of B. Bridges, audr., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the farmers of His Majesty's post fines, for 984*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* and interest thereon, &c. Dated 15 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"Warrt for 984. 15. 11¾., & not for ye interest." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 56. Charge against Richard Maidston of refusing to go after the seizure of a boat which lay ready to take in wool at Herne; that he did very little to prevent the exportation of wool; that he did not encourage others to seize owlers or smugglers; and that he demanded the wool out of the hands of those who had seized it, refusing to allow them their share, &c.; threatening farmer Pitcher, where the wool was, to pull his house about his ears. Dated 10 Nov. 1698.

"The answer of Richard Maidstone, commander of the Whitstable boat," to the charge. Dated 16 Nov. 1698.

Accompanied by a certificate in his favour. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 57. Memorial of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury. He had taken a great deal of pains to suppress the owling trade

1698. on the coast of Kent and Sussex, and in Romney Marsh; the guard was deficient; wool was shipped, and wine and brandy brought in; but if the establishment were allowed him, as mentioned in his report, he would suppress the whole trade. There were near fifty causes ready for trial, and the charges too great for him without a supply; and upwards of 900*l.*, recovered in the last term, were ready to be paid in. Dated 16 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"500li to be impressed to him out of the 1st mo coming in, recovered from ye oulers. And send to ye Comrs of C. to hasten their report, on Mr Baker's representation, concerning ye owling trade." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 17. 58. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the order of the Lords Justices, upon a memorial of the Royal African Company, relating to the exportation of beans for carrying on their trade to Africa, and supplying the negroes in their transportation from thence to the plantations. Also as to the export of corn, meal, biscuit, and bread to the plantations. Informing their Lordships that the gentlemen of that company would make oath, that the beans were only for the provision of the negroes on the passage; and in respect to the corn, &c., they acquainted their Lordships that though considerable quantities had been heretofore usually exported yet that trade had been wholly diverted for seven or eight years past, and the plantations of Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands were wholly supplied by the northern plantations of New England and Pennsylvania; and that as the prices of corn and grain then were, there was no prospect of carrying any from hence to the plantations. Dated 17 Nov. 1698.

Accompanied by two orders in Council, and a presentment, all relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Done." 5 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 17.] 59. Petition of Lieut.-Col. John Vaughan to the Lords of the Treasury. His case, at a late hearing before their Lordships, had been mis-stated and misrepresented. Prays that his services and sufferings might be considered, his fortune having been encumbered by disbursements for horses, clothing, and accoutrements of 106 men, &c., &c.; and that the benefit of the King's grant, for a debt due to the petitioner only, might not be diverted.

"Recd 17 Nov. '98."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 76, 24 Feb. 1698–9, is:—"100li to Colle Vaughan on his penc̃on out of ye Royll Oake lottery." 1 *page.*

Nov. $\frac{18}{28}$. 60. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning two warrants, one being a discharge to Pierce Row of a fine of 500 marks, and the other relating to the late Brigadier Wolseley's regiment. Further, the King thinks fit that the chaplains of the three regiments that are made marines, be put on half-pay as other disbanded officers are. Dated Hague, $\frac{18}{28}$ Nov. '98. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Nov. 21. 61. Letter signed John Sansom, junr., addressed to Mr. Lowndes, on certain points to be inquired into in a matter between Mr. Overton and Mr. Williamson, laying before him a paper containing the heads of inquiries to be made by the Com^rs of Customs in respect of the office of searcher and under-searcher. Dated 21 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"To be brought in when the C. Customs are here."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 25, 18 Nov. 1698, is a long entry, consisting of 5½ pages, on the hearing of this case as to the searchers office in the port of London. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 62. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, by some one [connected with a Mr. Howard's office ?]. The Com^rs appointed by their Lordships for receiving 2,000,000*l.* for payment of annuities of 8*l. per cent.*, and for settling the trade to the East Indies, had demanded upwards of 10,000*l.* of the loan remaining in that office upon the 3*s.* aid upon non-specie Exchequer bills. Asks if it should be paid. Dated 22 Nov. 1698. *Parts of* 1 *page.*

Nov. 22. 63. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Walsh, merchant. Prays their Lordships to accept of a third of his debt due to the King. Advises the acceptance thereof; viz., 935*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* Dated 22 Nov. 1698.

Accompanied by the memorial and three other papers.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 8 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 64. Account of the charge of transporting to Holland His Majesty's household, with their horses and equipage, in May, July, and September 1698. Dated 22 Nov. '98.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 38, 2 Dec. 1698, is this entry:—"865. 5. 0. for bringing over His Ma^ts housh. from Holld, to be paid out of ye 2 m^ons, and this & y^e sum of * , last issued for transporting ye housh. beyond sea, are to be placed to ye acco^t of ye civil list." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 23.] 65. Petition of Edward Darell and Ann Willis, stationers, and creditors of John Packer, Esq., deceased, complaining that, at Packer's desire, they had supplied the Treasury with paper and other stationery; and praying that they might be paid.

Minuted:—"23 9br. '98. After the K. & the B^p are satisfied, to be paid out of ye first m^o that is issued to Mr. Packer, upon his liberat^e."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 73, 21 Feb. 1698, is:—

"200^li a week from this time, out of ye mo. from time to time in y^e Exchequ^r for the civil list, to be issued to M^r Packer, upon his father's & grandfather's liberates, (so as he be exec^r or adm^r

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to both); and to [be] applyed towards the debts following, reported p Mr Twitty, ye 22th Sept. last; vizt:—

" To Edw. Darel, for staconary goods - 2,034. 1. 8.
" To Widd. Willis, for ye like - - 961. 15. 3.
" To Robt Mitchel, for ye like - - 692. 10. 0.
" To Wm Betts, for ye like - - 1,100. 0. 0.

" And Mr Twitty is to take care that Mr Packer do weekly apply the sd 200li, in just proportions, towd paying the debts justly owing to these persons for staconary wares, & to inform my Lords if the least failure be made therein." 1 *page.*

Nov. 24. 66. Copy of letter of Richard Maidstone, boatman at Whitstable, giving his account of the execution of the order of the collector of Feversham to seize certain wool at Herne [see 16 Nov. 1698]; further denying the charge against him of taking a guinea several times of one Lethered, a boatman, to suffer him to ride in Herne Bay undisturbed. Dated 24 Nov. 1698. 1 *page.*

Nov. 25. 67. Copy of letter of Nicholas Matson, collector of Feversham, in favour of Richard Maydston, characterising the charges against him as frivolous; what was done was under his directions, those who had the wool refused to deliver it to his clerk and Mr. Maidston, and his clerk returned with a *writ of assistance,* but the constable and company refused to assist them, by reason they had a warrant from Mr. Watson and Taylor of Canterbury; if this were suffered, the officers would in a little time get no assistance. His opinion on his concience was, that Maidston was faithful and fit for his employment. Dated Faversham, 25 Nov. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 26. 68. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Philipps, brewer, for an allowance of Excise duties on 120 tuns of beer brewed for the Comrs of Victualling during extreme hot weather, and so defective; adverse to the petitioner. Dated 26 Nov. 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" Read 20 xbr. '98. Agreed," *i.e.* he was to have no allowance. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 69. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Bird, as to an allowance of 100*l.* which was paid in 1689 to a Danish officer, and for which he had not credit on his account. They report adversely to his claim, as the payment was made without authority. Dated 26 Nov. 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" Read 20 xbr '98. My Lords are of ye same opinion with the Comrs of Excise." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 70. Report of the same to the same. On the petition of Frances Mallock, widow, whose husband had withdrawn with a great sum of the King's money and was in consequence discharged, having his account charged with the debt: advising that the petitioner's

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estates ought to answer the debt and interest thereon. Dated 26 Nov. 1698. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Read 20 x^br^ '98. My Lords agree w^th^ ye report, & direct ye Com^rs^ of Excise to recover this debt as soon as they can to His Ma^ts^ use." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 71. Petition of Mrs Mary Woodruffe and Mrs. Mary Bagg, widow and daughter of Mr. Isaac Woodruffe, late rector of Pulbrough, in the county of Sussex and diocese of Chichester, deceased. Dr. John Harrison, late rector of Pulbrough, by indigence, improvident management, or unusual omission in receiving the tenths due to the King from year to year, had contracted arrears of the tenths for many years past and had not made the least reparation for the dilapidations which happened in his time, and the husband and father of the petitioner had possessed the rectory only a quarter of a year, leaving his wife an antient and infirm widow, and his daughter also a widow with three small children; they pray to be exonerated from the arrears. Signed by the petitioners.

Also a certificate of the truth of the same, signed by four clergymen and seven others. Dated 26 Nov. 1698. 1 *large page.*

[? About Nov. 26.] 72. Petition of Edw. Richier to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning arrears, viz.: 150*l.* due to his brother Isaac Richier as late Governor of Bermudas: with certificate relating thereto, the latter dated 26 Nov. 1698. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 73. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to their Lordships' order to pay 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Capt. Waters, in satisfaction of guns taken by him in the "Suttle" prize; enclosing copy of a letter sent by them to the Com^rs^ of the Prize Office on this matter in 1692, in which they did not consider themselves bound to pay the same, and they had then greater reasons for that opinion, for Capt. Norris had taken two men-of-war of the French in the Straights which had brass guns, for which he demanded 6,000*l*; but the Attorney-General's opinion was, that the King was entitled to the guns, and that the captain ought to be paid 10*l.* per gun out of the Prize Office; they had received great quantity of guns on the same footing, and were afraid if their Lordships paid Capt. Waters, it would bring great trouble and charge on the office, and be a sufficient encouragement to other pretenders. Dated 29 Nov. 1698.

The copy of the letter referred to.

Also copy of both the above.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 14, 7 Nov. 1698, is the order above referred to, viz.:—"133. 6. 8. out of loans on the Cole Act to be issued to the Ordnance to pay the King's bounty (by his Order in Counsel) [*sic*] for 20 guns taken by Capt. Waters in the Suttle prize, w^ch^ guns were d^d^ into the Office of Ordnance." 4 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Nov. 29. 74. Letter of R. Yard to Mr. Montague. The Duke of Shrewsbury directed him to desire that the 3,000*l.* ordered him for secret service

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might be paid in money or be placed on some near fund, &c. Dated 29 Nov. 1698.

Minuted:—"Out of ye nearest part of the two m^ons [millions] not disposed." 1 *page (quarto)*.

Nov. 26 and 30. 75. Report of the Lord Chancellor [Methuen] of Ireland [to the Lords Justices], as to gratuities to be given as His Majesty's bounty to the officers attending both Houses of Parliament for their pains and attendance during the sitting of the houses, setting forth what precedents there were for the same. Dated 26 Nov. 1698.

Similar report of Mr. Robert Rochford [? Speaker of the House of Commons]. Dated 30 Nov. 1698.

Copies of various papers from 1662 relating to similar allowances.

Minuted:—"26th May '99. Respited. 25 Jun. 1700. My Lords are to examine this & advise ye K. what is reasonable to be allowed."

There is also a similar entry to the first in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 129, 26 May 1699.

The following entry is also in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 85, under date 25 June 1700:—"Reports made by ye Speakers of both Houses of Parlt in Ireland, concerning allowances formerly made to the officers of the said houses, and recomending the present officers for some reward, read. My Lords are to examin this & advise the King what is reasonable to be allowd." 18 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

Nov. 76. Letter of Sir Polycarpus Wharton to William Lowndes, Esq., as to auditors of imprests' objection to Sir George Wharton's interest account. Dated Nov. 1698.

Also three other papers of a previous date relating to Sir George Wharton's account.

There is the following entry as to Sir Polycarp Wharton's accounts in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 8, 1 Nov. 1698:—"A privy seal is to be prepared for passing Sr Pol. Wharton's accounts, according to the minutes upon the several reports this day read and considered by their Lorps." *Parts of* 7 *pages*.

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Dec. 1. 1*a*. Report of B. Bridges, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the accounts of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, who stood charged with 256,681*l*. 12*s*. 2¾*d*. &c. A year would not suffice to examine the vouchers. Dated 1 Dec. 1698. 1 *page*.

Dec. 2. 1 *b*. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. De la Merie, a reformed captain in the French

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regiment, commanded by Count Marton; praying payment of the arrear of subsistence due to him; 153*l.* 16*s.* appeared to be due to him; there remained due to the regiment from 1 Jan. to 27 Aug., when they landed in Ireland, 7,434*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, out of which the petitioner must be satisfied. Dated 2 Dec. 1698.

His petition in French, and another petition from him, probably sent in soon after the report. Without date.

Minuted:—"12 Jun. '99. The regim^{t} is since disbanded and cleared." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 2. 2. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. on the petition of Micajah Perry and others, touching a parcel of whale fins imported from Pennsylvania in America, caught by the King's subjects there; praying to be allowed to pay the new duty *ad valorem* thereon. They did not know how to advise therein. Dated 2 Dec. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Provided for by Act of Parl^{t}." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 3. Letter of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to Lord Orford, enclosing an estimate of the charge of building at His Majesty's yard at Plymouth, four houses, to secure boats which are new and serviceable from the weather, pursuant to the order of the Rt. Honble. the Lords of the Admiralty of 21 October last. Dated 3 Dec. '98, 2 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 4. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Capt. William Hyde, late captain of one of the companies of New York. When the Earl of Bellomont was appointed Governor of that province, the captain exchanged commissions with Capt. Nanfan, then captain of a company in Sir John Jacob's regiment then in Ireland, his Lordship desiring Capt. Nanfan to be his Lieut.-governor; the subsistence of the four companies at New York (of which Capt. Hyde's was one) had been issued no further than to 1 Jan. 1696: 279*l.* 4*s.* were due to him after deductions, besides which he alleged he had disbursed 700*l.*; the Earl of Bellomont had authorised Sir William Ashurst to pay 100*l.* of the debt, but their Lordships had issued no more than 500*l.*, which was to be applied to the subsistence grown due since 1 Jan. 1697; offers no objection to the payment of the 100*l.* on account. Dated 3 Dec. 1698.

Accompanied by the case of the said Capt. Wm. Hyde.

Minuted:—"Read 24 Feb. '98. When any hackney coach m^{o} comes in, my Lords will let him have 100^{li}." 3½ *pages.*

7 Dec. 5. Letter from the Com^{rs} of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, as to the making prize ships free; sending copy of a letter on that subject, received from Mr. Whittaker, informing them that it would be very chargeable to make the ships free, unless their Lordships gave directions to the Com^{rs} of Customs to dispense with their charges. Dated 7 Dec. 1698.

Also the said copy. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 7. 6. Memorial of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury. The owlers took advantage of the long and dark nights, and of "this interval of setting the guards," and exported and imported at their pleasure from "both the Warrens and East Guildford, as well as from the coast of Sussex," wool and silk. Dated 7 Dec. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 7 Xbr. '98. To the Com^rs of Customes to hasten their report." 1 *page.*

Dec. 7. 7. Report of the Postmasters-General (R. Cotton and Tho. Frankland) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William White, deputy postmaster of Sudbury, admitting that the petitioner was obliged to perform the stage between Sudbury and Braintree, 16 miles, three times a week, for the salary of 26*l. per ann.*; advising that he should have an increase. He was in a very low condition, and owed to His Majesty 123*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, and had compounded with his other creditors at 4*s.* in the pound. Suggesting that he should be allowed 72*l.*, which was after the rate of 34*l. per ann.*, for the time he was employed, upon condition that he paid the remainder [of the debt], and that for the future he should have an addition of 8*l. per ann.* Further, the salaries of the deputy postmasters were very low, and they were not exempted from quartering soldiers, since the King's accession, as they formerly were, and consequently they were not so diligent in performing their duties. Advising an increase of salary. Dated 7 Dec. 1698.

Minuted:—"Agreed as to ye postm^r of Sudbury; and as to other cases, upon particular representations, my Lords will give directions."

The petition and a certificate in his favour, signed by 26 persons; also a letter of 1695, on the same subject, from the postmasters. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon Captain Baker's survey of the coast of Kent and Sussex. The whole frame and design of the new proposed establishment of officers for the land guard was, without any consideration of the late established guard of the coast, by sloops. The previous establishment had been made in time of war, and when there were frequent hostilities upon the shore; but it was as much to prevent the going and coming of passengers, intelligence and correspondence with France, as the hindrance of the owling and smuggling trade; and at a time when smacks and sloops could not be kept at sea, by reason of privateers. Since the peace the Com^rs thought a larger land guard might be necessary on the coast of Sussex, but they could by no means agree to the measures proposed by him. They, however, now laid before their Lordships a scheme containing the present charge,—the charge by Captain Baker's proposal,—and the charge by the Com^rs proposal.

The observations they make are upon the following places:—Sheppey, Milton, Canterbury, Isle of Thanet, Folkston, and coast of Sussex. Dated 8 Dec. 1698.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 48, 23 Dec. 1698, is:—"Com^rs of Customes. Their papers, & particularly their proposicon on M^r. Baker's survey, are read."

And again at p. 59, 24 Jan. 1698–[9], is the following notice:—"M^r Henry Baker to attend next Friday afternoon. Some of ye Com^rs of Customes to be here then to settle the business of preventing ye export of wool on ye coasts of Kent & Sussex." 5 *pages (brief size)*.

Dec. 9. 9. Report of Mr. Charles Twitty to the Lords of the Treasury, on the fifth objection of the auditors of the imprests to Sir George Wharton's interest account, together with Sir Ro. Howard's answer; expressing his opinion, for reasons given, that Sir Geo. Wharton ought not to be charged with the sum of 3,897*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* charged on him by the auditors. Dated 9 Dec. 1698.

The second minute on the dorse is:—"23 Oct. 1700. Send this to the aud^rs, and direct them to prepare a P.S., to pass this acco^t pursuant to this report, & the former minutes."

Accompanied by the paper containing the "Objection," &c. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 10. Letter from the Com^rs of the Navy to Lord Orford, applying for a speedy provision for the debt of about 25,000*l.* for stores bought at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth. Dated 10 Dec. '98.

Minuted:—"Read 16 X^br '98. To be considered." 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 11. Another letter from the same to the same. Praying him to move their Lordships for a half year's pay for the yards: viz., 60,031*l.*, they being a year and almost a quarter in arrear. Dated 12 Xber 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 16 X^br '98." 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 12. Report of Mr. Hen. Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mrs. Johanna Warner, as to certain pictures remaining in her hands for a debt due from Sir John Friend, attainted; expressing an opinion that she had an equitable right in the same. Dated 12 Dec. 1698.

The petition and two affidavits of Mary Browne, wife of George Browne, surgeon, as to the goods.

There is a further report indorsed that the value of the goods was not above 23*l.*, and that the debt was above 50*l.* Dated 12 Oct '99. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 12. 13. Letter of Lord Carmarthen, commencing "My Lords," seeking to be informed whether the House of Lords would obstruct him in prosecuting his right to the office, for which he had a patent; Mr. Christopher Montague having been admitted contrary to the directions of the grant. Dated 12 Dec. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 13. 14*a*. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the artificers who had received no manner of pay-

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Dec. 13. 14*b.* Letter signed B. Bridges, to W. Lowndes, Esq., stating that he had no objection to the passing of the Earl of Galway's accounts of receipts for the forces who served in Piedmont, nor to the passing the privy seal, the charges usually allowed for the latter were from 20*l.* to 30*l.* He hoped their Lordships would not think 50*l.* to the auditor, his deputy, and clerks, for examining, &c. the accounts, too much. The fees for entering the account in the several offices would be about 25*l.* Dated 13 Dec. 1698. 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 15. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Isaac Teale and other apothecaries; praying payment of 5,348*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* due for drugs and medicines supplied to the army and hospitals in Flanders, in the year 1697; finding that they had provided a magazine of drugs and medicines, and 95 pair of regimental chests for the use of the hospitals and forces in Flanders, to be subject, as to the goodness and price, to the examination of Dr. Hutton, Dr. Lawrence, Sir Thomas Millington, Dr. Harald, Mr. Van Loon, and Mr. Rottermont; and that the claim was made good for 5,321*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* Dated 14 Dec. 1698.

Accompanied by three petitions.

Minuted:—"Write to Mr Blathwait to prepare a warrt." 5 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 16. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Brigadier Hastings. It appeared to the Earl there was an arrear due to him at least of 400*l.*, which, if their Lordships thought fit to order (in regard of his long sickness), it must be issued to Lord Coningsby and Mr. Fox, to be paid to him. Dated 14 Dec. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye King." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 17. Letter from Lord Bellomont to the Lords [of the Council of Trade or the Treasury]. He had sent the states of the revenue by Lieut. Hunt about six weeks since, who, failing to go by the "Deptford," had gone forward to Pescataway, and embarked in a mast ship. Their Lordships would judge by them what an administration there had been there [New York], and by his observations on them; Mr. Brookes, the late collector, would appear to be very corrupt. He (the writer) was about to make some tide-waiters to stay on board the ships till they were unladen, which had not been done, and by depending on the invoices the collector had been cheated of the Customs for a third part of the cargo; this he had from a merchant. He intended also to appoint a riding surveyor on Long Island. The salaries should be as moderate as could be, and if their Lordships did not approve, he could quickly unmake them. By what he could collect, the revenue would be 10,000*l.* or 11,000*l.*

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per ann., were it not for the running of goods, for which nature had contrived and fitted that province, beyond all the places in the world. Dated 15 Dec. '98. 1 *page.*

Dec. 16. 18. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, moving their Lordships to cause a moiety of 47*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, which was seized on being exported, to be paid to Thomas Jones, one of the searchers of Bristol. [*Minuted:*—"Agreed."] Also moving that the same course might be pursued in two or three other cases. [*Minuted:*—"Agreed."] Dated 16 Dec. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 17. 19. Letter from the Agents for Taxes to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, desiring a warrant for the salary of John Hemings, for three quarters ending at Michaelmas; and another for Mr. Child, from Lady-day then last, at 70*l.* *per ann.*, during pleasure, as surveyors of windows, births, &c. in Cumberland and Westmoreland. Stating that it was unnecessary to continue the former (one surveyor being sufficient). Dated 17 Dec. 1698. 1 *page.*

Dec. 19. 20. Memoranda respecting the ship "John and William," engaged as a victualler to Newfoundland, detained till 24 Aug. 1698 and then arrested for seamen's wages, and ready to be condemned. Praying speedy relief. Dated 19 Dec. 1698. 1 *page.*

Dec. 20. 21. Presentment of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to a former memorial recommending the appointment of an accountant-general, and now nominating Mr. Dean Montage as a fit person for that office, at a salary of 250*l.*, &c. Dated 20 Dec. 1698.

Minuted:—"Agreed an order to ye Com^rs of Excise to app^t Montage accordingly. W^t signed 4 Jan^ry 1698." 1 *page.*

Dec. 21. 22. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir Rice Rudd, praying their Lordships' order for 303^li due to him from Robert Davies (viz. 100^li out of the first money that should come into the Exchequer for the rent of hackney coaches, and the remainder out of rent due at Michaelmas last), on account of what was due to the said Davies from the Duke of Schonberg's regiment, to which he had been agent; there appeared 345*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* due to him, &c. Dated 21 Dec. 1698.

Accompanied by the memorial and a letter of the said Davies.

Minuted:—"100^li out of the hackney coach m^o." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 23. Report of Mr. Chetwynd, auditor, on the petition of Wm. Williams. The suggestions therein are notoriously false, for there was no such fee or salary as 50*l.* *per ann.* paid to any person, for the constableship of the castle of Carnarvon, or any other of the sums mentioned in the petition, &c. Dated 21 Dec. 1698.

Also the said petition.

Minuted:—"Read 24 Jan. '98. My Lords are of opinion that so long as the patents are in force, the patentees have a good title to these paym^ts." 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 23. 24. A docquet signed by the Lords of the Treasury, for a grant of 7½ parts of the Phœnix Brewhouse, and other dwelling-houses in the parish of St. Botolph, without Aldgate, of which Sir John Freind, lately convicted of treason, was possessed, to Japhet Crook, maltster, in consideration of 5,515*l.* to be paid. Dated 23 Dec. 1698. 2 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 23.] 25. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. Meredith Gwyllym. He had served as Major and Lieut.-Col. of Foot from 1690, through the whole war, and was wounded at Namur; prays to be admitted on half-pay in Ireland, as he was not posted as the rest of the officers were upon half-pay in England.

Undated, but this appears to have been enclosed on 23 Dec. 1698 to the Earl of Ranelagh to report upon, as appears by the *Letter Book*, Vol. X., p. 70.

Minuted:—"A Letter for this."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 59, 24 Jan. 1698, is:—"13,700*l.* to be issued by tallys on ye 2 m^ons upon this Jan^ry paym^t for the Earle of Ranelagh, for a fortnight's subsistence to end the 19^th of Febr. next, & 54^li on ye same for Leiu^t-Coll. Gwyllym, on acco^t of ye arrear of subsistence in Fland^rs." ½ *page.*

Dec. 25. 26. A view of the gross produce of His Majesty's revenue in Ireland, for one year ended at Christmas 1698. 1 *page.*

Dec. 29. 27. Report of the Com^rs or other officers of the Stamp Office, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a paper annexed, drawn up and signed by Mr. John Blundell, entitled:—"An abstract showing the loss sustained in the duty on stampt paper, &c. through want of right management." The report dated 29 Dec. '98.

Minuted:—"Read 22 June 1699. Dismissd." 3¼ *pages.*

Dec. 30. 28. Letter signed Wm. Popple, to William Lowndes, Esq., by command of the Com^rs of the Council of Trade, sending copy of a memorial from Mr. Weaver, agent for the province of New York, relating to the state of the forces there, urging the extreme necessity for speedy order to be given for their support. Dated 30 Dec. 1698.

Accompanied by the said copy, in which he says that without immediate care were taken, it was feared that the credit of the Government with the victuallers there would sink, the soldiers desert, and the officers give up their commissions. The Indians would fall off when they found we had no strength to support them, the rich trade of furs we then had with them would be lost to the French; and for want of their assistance the whole province would be in danger, in case another war should break out. Dated 30 Dec. 1698. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 30. 29. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Lord Orford, sending their estimate as to "the charge of removing a bank of sullage, lying in the Middle Channel, against a point called Gutchines, in y^e River

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Medway, w^ch is hazardous and interrupts very much the going to and fro of the great shipps, from Gillingham to the dock at Chatham; pursuant to the orders of the R^t Hon^ble the Lords of the Admiralty of the 26 November 1698:" applying for money to answer the said service. Dated 30 Dec. '98. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 30. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to certain wheat shipped at Penzance, in Cornwall, for Rotterdam; concerning which the collector of Deal prayed immediate direction, as he was doubtful if it came under the late order of their Excellencies the Lords Justices, to restrain the undue exportation of corn. They had given directions to him to detain the same, but referred it to their Lordships.

The letter of the collector, and another paper. Dated 31 Dec. 1698.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Jan. '98. My Lords can give noe direction in this till y^e Act is passd." 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 31. 31. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending three warrants for pensions to Captain Dampierre, Captain Desherbiers, and the widow Du Passy. Dated Whitehall, 31 Dec. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

1695–1698. 32. Accounts of incidents for the Penny Post Office for the years 1695 to 1698. 6 *pages.*

1697–1698. 33. "List of ships that were hired by the Comm^rs of Transportation at London, the latter end of the year 1697, to transport the army from Holland and Flanders to England, Scotland, & Ireland, and ordnance stores from Flanders to England; with an acc^t of their burthen, price p^r tun, forces they carryed, entry into pay, dayes of discharge, time they were in the service, what freight has been payd upon acc^t, and what remains due to each ship."

Also another list of ships hired in Holland in *anno* 1697 by our agents there, to bring part of the army hither by the head, to whom the several sums against each ship remained due. 3 *large pages.*

[? About 1698.] 34. Petition of Richard Richmond, on behalf of himself and Marmaduke Browne, as to the sum of 800*l.* which was part of an assignment made by Col. Frederick Hamilton, for clothing his regiment of foot; for which they prayed that reversionary annuities might be delivered to them. Without date, but there is mention of an assignment dated 21 Feb. 1697. 1 *page.*

1697 and 1698. 35. A schedule of sums of money expended by Mr. Edward Holden, about the witnesses in certain suits; the first at the Lent Assizes at Kingston, 1697, in the cause Rex *v.* Kemp *et al.*, and Rex *v.* Hedges, and other prosecutions in A.D. 1697 and 1698. 1 *page.*

1697–1698. 36. "An abstract of the accompts of the money and bills received and issued by the Trustees appointed and chosen for exchanging of

1698. Exchequer bills upon the first subscription 1697," and upon the three following subscriptions. ? in 1698. 43 *pages.*

[? About 1697 or 1698.] 37. "Memorandum touching ye advantage to the proposers for the Excize Farme."
Without date, but mention of duties on low wines, and the peace which must have been that concluded 1697. 1 *page.*

1698. 38. "Com. Palat. Cestr. An abstract of acquittances collected by Mr Gilliver, "Missr," ? of several persons in the said county, who notwithstanding, had paid the receivr herein menconed, yet were returned *in super* upon the accompts made up & declared to Michas 1698."
Also a duplicate. 2 *very large pages* (*one decayed*).

1689–1698. 39. Balance sheet of the Right Hon. Ralph, Earl of Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe, extending from 1689 to 1698. 1 *large page.*

1698. 40. Debtor and creditor account of fees received by Mr. Lowndes and other Treasury officers, made out monthly from January to December 1698.
Various memoranda connected therewith. 75 *pages and parts of pages.*

1698. 41. "An accompt of the charge of mowing, making, and cocking the hay cutt in St James Parke, in the year 1698." *Part of a page* (*writing nearly obliterated*).

1698. 42. "An accompt of His Maties Customes from the 26 of Febry 1697 exclusive to the 5 of March follg."
"An accot of His Maties new & addiconall imposicons granted by several Acts of Parliament, from the 3 of September 1698 exclusive to the 10th of ye same month inclusive."
"An accompt of his Maties Customes from the 8th of Octobr 1698 exclusive to the 15 of the same mo. inclusive."
Similar account, 22 to 29 Oct.
" " 19 to 26 Nov.
[These are only totals.] 10 *pages* (*decayed*).

1698. 43. A small paper relating to the usual fees paid at the Exchequer for such sums as were at any time ordered to the Comrs of Transports.
On the dorse:—"1698." 1 *small page.*

1698. 44. The part of the Navy Board's representation to the Lords of the Admiralty, which relates to the assistant and clerks of the Controller of the Victualling, showing that there was an increase of two clerks at 30*l. per ann.* each since 1691.
Undated, but the present year 1698 mentioned. 1 *page.*

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1698. 45. "An accompt of fees and sallaries payable to diverse persons at the Exch^r, and of arrears due thereupon to Lady Day 1698." $5\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

1698. 46. Copy of the King's warrant for payment to Eleanor Carlisle of 20*l.*, and such an allowance out of money destined to charitable uses as the Lords of the Treasury thought she deserved, together with the copy of her petition, in which she states she had lost her two brothers in the King's service, and that her grandfather and father had been master huntsmen to King James I. and King Charles I., and her uncle Ludovic Carlisle, one of the equerries to the Queen Mother, in which service he acquired 1,500*l.* which he put in the English Exchequer, to which she had a right. The docquet is dated 1698. 1 *page.*

[1698.] 47 and 48. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Sussex, to the King. King Charles II. promised him 20,000*l.* in marriage with the Countess of Sussex, his natural daughter for a marriage portion; upon that promise the marriage took place, but the King's affairs not allowing the money to be paid, 2,000*l.* a year were assigned them until the payment of the portion; there would be due at Midsummer 1698 on the portion and pension 43,400*l.*; the fund upon which the 20,000*l.* portion was once placed being afterwards applied to the satisfaction of a debt due to the King: prays payment thereof or the passing Letters Patent for the 2,000*l.* a year until the portion should be paid.

Also another paper containing the state of the case. 3 *pages.*

[? 1698 or earlier.] 49. Another representation by the Earl of his case, which may be of about the same period or perhaps earlier. At Christmas 1684, 4,500*l.* were due for his fee or salary as a gentleman of the bedchamber, a third part of which, viz., 1,500*l.* was the proportion the rest of the gentlemen received, but the Earl could not obtain more than 375*l.*, so that to be equal with the rest, 1,175*l.* were due to him. The debt of 20,000*l.* for his wife's portion obstructed the Earl's relief. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

1698. 50. "An account of the produce of the duties upon salt," for the years 1695 to 1698, consisting of the totals only. 1 *page.*

[? About 1698 or 1699.] 51. Petition of Capt. Richard Long, late commander of the King's ship the "Rupert" prize, for a balance of 77*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* due to him for expenses at Jamaica and the Gulf of Darien whilst exploring for metals.

Also the account of his receipts and expenses which contain curious particulars.

Minuted:—"My Lords can allow noe discount for malt ticq^ts, but see what he was to have and what he receď." 2 *pages.*

1698. 52. A comparison of the produce of the revenue in Ireland, viz., of the Lady Day and Midsummer quarters of 1697, with the same quarters 1698.

"Ex^d W. Burgh Accompt Gen^ll." 2 *pages.*

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1698. [?About 1698.] 53. The form of an agreement to be made between the Lords of the Treasury and such persons as were willing to advance money for exchanging or satisfying tallies of anticipation, which might be levied by virtue of an Act of Parliament for raising a sum not exceeding two millions. Undated, but the grant of two millions received the royal assent 5 July 1698.* 4 *large pages.*

[?About 1698 or 1699.] 54. Petition of Captain Samuel Pitman, Governor of Hurst Castle, to the Lords Justices of England. He had received as a prisoner Matthew Atkinson, a priest, committed according to Act of Parliament, and had received nothing for keeping him, by which means the punishment of the priest was like to become a punishment to the petitioner, as the prisoner had very few friends, being very poor and infirm, with the dead palsy all over one side of his body.

Without date, but mention is made of James Vernon, Esq., principal Secretary of State, who was appointed 5 Dec. 1697. 1 *page.*

[?About 1698.] 55. A paper *docquetted*:—"Extra provisions for the civil list, *annis* 1697 & 1698." N° 44.

[Only three items and apparently an enclosure.] *Part of a page.*

[?1698 or 1699.] 56. A paper headed :—Additions humbly proposed to be made to the duties on vellum, parchment, and paper. The additions were estimated to raise 4,640*l. per ann.*

Docquetted :—"Mr Montague's paper."

Undated. An Act for a duty on vellum, &c. passed 8 & 9 Will. III. and another in 9 & 10 Will. III., and it was probably whilst Mr. Montague was Chancellor of the Exchequer. 2 *pages.*

[?1698 or 1699.] 57. Memorial of the reformed captains of the three French regiments of foot, praying payment of their forage account, pursuant to His Majesty's warrants annexed. [*French.*]

Minuted :—"To be pd when ye other forrage accts are pd."

Accompanied by the warrants referred to, the last of which is dated 20 Nov. 1698. 4 *pages.*

[?About 1698 or 1699.] 58. The case of Sir Polycarpus Wharton, Bart., in respect to the powder works at Chilworth, near Guildford, Surrey; giving an account of his losses amounting to 24,000*l.* and the hardships he had incurred from the beginning of the lease of the same in 1677 to the end in 1698. Expressing the hope that the House of Commons would order him such compensation and relief as they thought fit. Undated, but perhaps about 1698 or 1699. 1 *large printed page.*

[1698 or 1699.] 59. Petition of Elizabeth Atkinson, relict and widow of Nicholas Atkinson, late of Lancaster, deceased, sometime deputy-postmaster there: showing that her husband died in 1688 and she carried on the office; but after King James left the kingdom, she was put to extra-

* See *Oldmixon*, p. 177, col. 1.

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ordinary expense in sending out horses and servants with several expresses for public service for which she was not paid, and so was unable to pay the arrears; she was obliged to work as a hired servant "since she was outed of the office:" praying for the remission of the arrears. Undated.

At the foot is a numerously signed certificate of the truth of the petition headed by the mayor, sheriff, clergy, &c. The sheriff's name was W. West, and he was sheriff in 1698.

[There is no reference to this in the *Minute Books, Letter Books,* or *Money Books.*] 1 *large page.*

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Jan. 3. 1. Report of the Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Gwillim, late of Col. Buchan's regiment of foot, as to 54*l.* for the relief of his wants, being his share of 800*l.* ordered to be distributed to his regiment on account of the arrear of subsistence due in Flanders; not objecting thereto. Dated 3 Jan. 1698–9.

Also his petition.

Minuted:—"17 Jan. 1698. Ordered. 54l out of ye 2 m[illi]ons for this by a tally." 1 *page.*

Jan. 3. 2. Report of the same to the same. On the petition of Arch. Hutcheson, Esq., praying to be repayed 400*l.* disbursed by him for some of the officers of Col. Holt's regiment in the Leeward Islands (to which he was agent) since 1 Jan. 1696; advising that if their Lordships ordered it, it might be charged to the arrear of subsistence due to the regiment. Dated 3 Jan. 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"10 June '99. Speak wth my Ld Ranelagh."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 139, 12 June 1699, is the following:—"398. 16. 9. out of ye disbanding mo in E. of Ran. hands, is to be paid over according to his report of 3 Jan. last toArch. Hucheson for mo he advanced here to officers of Holt's regiment in ye Lew. Islds now disbanded upon account of their subs[istence], & wch is deducted from them by Mr Taylder." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 3. 3. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to the "St. Peter" prize, about which they had received information that ill practices had been used by a Custom-house officer, and also by Captain Caldwell, of H.M. ship "Anglesea," and Captain Cross, of the "Dovor," in taking goods out of the ship; 1,713*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* ought to have been divided amongst the

1698–9. seamen, but 650*l.* was stopped by order of the Com^rs^ of Prizes. The goods taken were valued at 18,000*l.*, and the whole cargo at 40,000*l.*

Also a copy of the minutes relating to the said prize, 23 Sept. 1698. 4½ *pages.*

Jan. 4. 4. Petition of Richard Bovett to the King. He had made several important discoveries, some relating to correspondence with the King's enemies, others of frauds and breach of trust at his own expense; not long before he brought proofs of a very great embezzlement out of the "St. Peter" prize, before the Lords of the Treasury, who were well satisfied therewith, &c., he could bring good proofs that the King was defrauded of above 50,000*l.*, if assisted with the necessary charge, &c.; prays an order for such a sum as the King thought fitting. Dated 4 Jan. 1698–9.

The following is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 54, 11 Jan. 1698:—"The representation concerning the S^t^ Peter prize is read. To be laid before the Counsell. M^r^ Bovet is to have 100^li^ and no more 'till he discovers something else." 1 *page.*

Jan. 4. 5. Letter signed T. T., to the Hon. Charles Montague, Esq., First Lord of the Treasury. As First Lord of the Treasury he was the fittest person to be acquainted with the ill practices of John Dutton Colt, collector of the King's Customs in Bristol, who was endeavouring to prevent Mr. Daniel Ballard, late cashier of the Customs, from informing against him by stifling his evidence. Mr. Ballard might be heard of at the Ship tavern without Temple Bar. He could prove the reception of gratuities by Mr. Colt, for taking clipped money at the Custom-house, when it was called in, to be re-coined. The writer heard Mr. Colt rejoice very much when Mr. Knight was accused, for it hindered him from finding out Mr. Colt's roguery; but it was principally the 3,000 odd pounds which Mr. Colt says Mr. Ballard was short in his accounts to the King that made Mr. Colt so eager to agree with Mr. Ballard, &c.

There were accounts between Mr. Colt's wife and eldest son and Mr. Ballard, and money continually had for house-keeping. If Mr. Ballard were sent for, he could inform of several other ill practices, such as taking bribes for letting ships go, when under embargo, &c.

Mr. Colt was almost illiterate, and ignorant of Custom-house business; he was wholly directed and governed by his wife's gallant, Mr. Robert Barnes, one of the surveyors, who understood little. He was formerly an A. B. C. schoolmaster, and had better to have remained in that employ, being so covetous and ready to make false seizures, by which the King was often put to unnecessary charges. The first thing that gave him credit was on the discovery of a fraud in 1690, which was wholly revealed to him by Mr. John Roe, a King's waiter, whom he cheated out of 1,200*l.*, and gave only 100*l.* as Mr. Roe could testify. Mr. Colt brought from London a pick-pocket, who went by the name of Wilkinson, who picked the locks

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at the Custom-house, and took several sums of money, and was caught in the act. The reason Mr. Colt brought the fellow there was, that he had an extraordinary handsome wife, with whom he (Mr. Colt) was intimate. Mr. Colt's securities should be looked to. Sir Harry Colt was one of them, and he was worth nothing if his debts were paid. He lived by the same profession his father did, viz., a common gamester and cheat. Old Mr. George Colt, the father, was proved perjured, and "forged a false will," &c. There was not a viler generation on earth. Mr. Ballard had shown his honesty when entrusted with three score thousand pounds, and almost as much at another time, which he brought safely to the Treasury, which was a good argument for him against Mr. Colt, who endeavoured to lay the cheat of 3,000*l.* odd to his account. This collector, Colt, had forfeited his place by trading; he had insured several ships and traded to sea in hops, and his merchandizing was done in his wife's name. Dated 4 Jan. '98–9.

P.S.—He enclosed this to Sir Tho. Littleton, because he believed a former letter had been intercepted by Mr. Colt or his agents. He asked that this might be acknowledged by advertisement in the Gazette.

Minuted :—"A letter subscribed T. T. directed to one of ye Lds Com^rs^ of his Ma^ts^ Treasury, came to his Lo^p's^ hands; if the party that sent the letter has anything that he can make out, he may apply to ye Treasury board and be heard."

There are five entries in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., pp. 106, 108, 154, 235, and 240, in relation to Colt's money transactions with Mr. Cocks and Mr. Ballard. The last is under date 19 Dec. 1699, and finishes :—"Draw up y^e^ state of ye whole case & lay it before ye K." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 6. Report of the Navy Board addressed to Mr. Lowndes, on the petition of Robert Waters, concerning his claims for building the King's new dock at Plymouth. Dated 6 Jan. 1698–9.

The petition and the case of the said Mr. Robert Waters.

A copy of the above report and Mr. Waters' reply to it, and a a copy of the reply.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 75, 23 Feb. 1698–9, is :—"The Com^rs^ of the Navy being present. The report concerning Rob^t^ Waters and his reply thereupon are read, & every article considered *seriatim.* And my Lords resolve that ye summes of 1873. 4. 4. for pumping, 1,536. 2. 2. and 826. 5. 0. for advance, interest, & discount, in the report mentioned, be allowed, and the rest of his demands in the report & reply, are disallowed. A letter to ye Navy board to make out bills, according to ye course of ye navy, for ye said three sumes, provided he submitts to this determination." 9½ *pages.*

Jan. 7. 7. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, sending copy of a letter received from Mr. Bridger in New England, employed in inspecting the production of naval stores there. Dated 7 Jan. '98–9.

The said letter, which states that he had been a progress south-

1698–9. ward, from Cape Cod to Rhode Island, through the woods for 200 miles, and speaks of the state of the timber. He had also been to the westward 40 miles, where he had put in execution an experiment to manure the land, which of itself produced only small hemp; he had also designed to have gone to the east, where everything except hemp is better than at Piscataqua, but had put it off until the spring. He suggested that he should be allowed a small frigate and a sloop to carry away the specimens, and he relates other of his proceedings; adding, "I believe the French King is putting Mons[r] Denys' project in execution; for the French are setling their east country, and are encroaching into our lines, as 'tis reported here twelve leagues; w[ch] twelve leagues is as good as any of our land, for the production of naval stores," &c. Dated 16 Nov. '98. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 8. Letter of Mr. William Popple to William Lowndes, Esq. The Lords Com[rs] of the Council of Trade and Plantations being required to hear Col. Fletcher as to his conduct in the government of New York, it was thought necessary that the Attorney-General should be instructed therein by Mr. Weaver, agent for the province of New York; desires that Mr. Lowndes would move the Lords of the Treasury, that Mr. Baker might accompany the agent and pay the usual fee. Dated 10 Jan. 1698–9.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

Jan. 10. 9. Memorial of the agents for bringing in taxes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of the salaries of officers. Dated 10 Jan. 1698–9, enclosing:—"A bill of incidents laid out and expended in the office of the agents for bringing in taxes, &c. from the 29[th] of September 1698, to the 1[st] of January 1688–9." Dated 10 Jan. 1698–9.

Minuted:—"D[t] w[t] for them to be paid out of seizures." 2 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 10.] 10. Petition of Robert Slipper to the Lords of the Treasury, for restoration to his employment as gauger in the duty of Excise, of which employment he stated he had been deprived by misrepresentation.

It was considered on 10 and 31 Jan. 1698, and there is the following *minute* on the dorse:—"My Lords are fully satisfied there were sufficient reasons for his dismission." 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 10.] 11. Petition of Martha Balliall and Margaret Balliall, daughters of Peter Balliall, Esq., grandson of the Hon. John Balliall of Scotland. Their father served the Crown 33 years, and lent to the Crown and lost 50,000[li], and in the time of the war was plundered of all he had, and narrowly escaped with his life, being forced to fly to Guernsey, where he died in prison; their mother also died with grief. The present King granted to four sisters (of whom the petitioners were two) 20*l.* a quarter three years past, but 20*l.* had only been received; prays for payment to keep them from starving.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Jan. '98. They must apply to the King, for my Lords can grant noe pensions." 1 *page.*

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[About Jan. 13.] 12. Memoranda of sums due to the inhabitants of the city of Canterbury for quartering several companies of marines when commanded by the Hon. Marquis Carmarthen. Certified as a true copy by the Chamberlain of that city.

Also a memorandum as to directions to be given by the Com^rs of the Navy, to the agents of the late marine regiments, to examine the captain's accounts, that more be not paid for quarters than their subsistence came to.

With a minute to the same effect.

The present month of January 1698 mentioned.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 55, 13 Jan. 1698, is :—"The money for ye Marine quarters at Canterbury being 865. 7. 3. is to be issued by Tallys on ye 2 m^ons, but the Coll. or his agent must take care that the money due for subsistence of every officer or soldier be not exceeded." *Parts of* 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Jan. 16. 13. Report of Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Dr. Blomer, who prayed to be allowed to compound with their Lordships for a further lease of the third part of the demesne of the forest of Gillingham, and that on payment of a fine on such composition, the Duke of Leeds and his trustees might be directed to make such further lease; expressing his opinion that the assignment might be valued at 1,500*l*. Dated 16 Jan. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted :—"19 Apr. '99. Agreed to." 4 *pages*.

Jan. 16. 14. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending lists of widows of officers. Dated 16 Jan. 1698–9. 6 *pages*.

Jan. 16. 15. Presentment from the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, about a debt due to them from the Com^rs for the Transport service. Dated 16 Jan. 1698.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 63, 31 Jan. 1698–9, is the following entry :—"350^l out of hered & temp[orary] Excise is to be issued to y^e Earl of Ranelagh, who is to pay over ye same to ye Com^rs of Transports, & they are to apply it in satisfaction of a bill in ye hands of ye Com^rs of Excise for transport service; and the Com^rs of Excise are imediatly to repay ye same into ye Exchеq^r." 1 *page*.

[About Jan. 17.] 16. Petition of Philip Packer, son and executor of John Packer, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the payment of the debts due to his father.

Minuted :—"17 Jan. '98. Lett him attend M^r Chancellor for declaring the acco^t of the works." 1 *page*.

Jan. 17. 17. An estimate of the debt of His Ma^ties Navy on the heads of wear and tear, seamen's wages, victualling, sick and wounded, and register office, amounting to 2,245,957*l*. Signed by the Navy Board, 17 Jan. 1698. 1 *page*.

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Jan. 18. 18. Letter of the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes. They had collected the moneys issued for the purchase of the houses and ground for the service of the Admiralty. They send, on the other side, for their Lordship's information, "An account of what monys hath been ordered by the R^t Hon^e the Lords of the Adm^ty, to be imprested to M^r Edw^d Whitaker, solicitor for y^e affaires of the Admiralty and Navy, to be by him paid for the purchase of y^e Admiralty Office, & additions thereunto, &c." Dated 18 Jan. '98.

Also "Articles of agreement made 23 March 1694 between John Evans of the parish of S^t Martin's-in-the-Fields in the county of Midd^x, carpenter, of the one part, and the principal officers & Com^rs of the Navy of the other," reciting that he had agreed to build a house for the Com^rs on the ground lately belonging to George, Duke of Buckingham, deceased, called Wallingford House near Charing Cross, and that the house was already for the most part thereupon built. The present agreement was in consideration of 500*l.* and a further sum of 100*l.* not to erect other buildings (except such as are afterwards specified) towards the High Street to hinder the light or encumber the court between the office and the street leading from Charing Cross to Whitehall during the term of eleven years, nor should erect any buildings from the street backwards into the court next adjoining to the office, but leave the court or entry between the office and any new building that should be erected during the said term 44 ft. in depth between such new buildings and the office, and in length 78 ft. clear from any buildings or annoyances whatsoever; and further, that such buildings as should be set up fronting the High Street should be only one story from the ground, 12 feet from the first floor to the ceiling; the roofs and top to be flat and covered with lead, with rails and banisters, with a "Mondition cornice" fronting the street around the top of the building for the better ornament thereof. There should be a space of 10 ft. beside the 44 ft. &c., on which 10 feet pillars should be set up in the nature of piazzas floored and covered at the top, intended as an enlargement of the court for conveniency of dry walking, &c.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 52, 3 Jan. 1698–9, is the following, which caused the above letter:—"To the Com^rs of Navy, to know what m^o has been issued for purch^a of houses or ground for ye service of ye Adm^lty, and how ye titles have been inquired into & settled, & where the conveyances are." 7 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 19. Report of Mr. Thomas Trevor to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Petre, Esq., at whose suit Sir Augustine Palgrave was outlawed, and a debt of 1,200*l.* recovered. It was reasonable to grant a privy seal to enable the petitioner to receive the profits of the seizure of Sir Augustine's goods. Dated 19 Jan. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 20. Letter of the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, concerning 369*l.* 1*s.* deducted by way of poundage at 1*s.* in the pound from the officers of

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the Marine Regiment in May 1691, and granted to Anthony Stevens, deceased, late cashier to the Treasurer of the Navy, for his services. Dated 19 Jan. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 20. 21. Memorial of Lionel Herne, appointed to receive any sum or sums not exceeding 200,000*l.* by way of imprest, and upon account out of the money lent on the credit of the Act for granting 1,484,015*l.* 1*s.* 11¾*d.*, with which money he was to purchase Exchequer bills; showing what amounts he had received and paid, and praying an order to direct the issue of 43,840*l.* by the auditor of the Exchequer. Dated 20 Jan. 1698.
Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Dutch ambassador, "touching a case of silke, called sattins, wrought with gold, said to be made in the city of Amsterdam," but supposed to be of the fabric of India or China, of that sort which is called Atlas or Cuttances. Not objecting to their being returned to Holland, otherwise they must be prosecuted. Dated 20 Jan 1698.
(Three enclosures). 4½ *pages.*

Jan. 20. 23. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of John Russell, claiming the ship "Fortune," seized by John Wakefeild upon a supposed breach of the Act of Navigation. Dated 20 Jan. 1698–9.
Minuted:—"Read 31 Jan. 1698. If the King's part be discharged my Lords can do no more in this matter." 1 *page.*

Jan. 21. 24. "Accompt of what is oweing by the Victualling Office on debts due before the 1st May 1697. Also, Accompt of the debts oweing by the Victualling Office from 30 Apr. 1697 to the last of December 1698." Dated 21 Jan. 1698–9. 1 *sheet.*

Jan. 24. 25. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, as to directions having been given to Mr. Whittaker, from the Lords of the Admiralty, to attend the Lords of the Treasury, with the deeds of conveyance of the house and buildings then used for the Admiralty office. Dated 24 Jan. '98–9. *Part of* 1 *page* (*quarto*).
[See also 18 Jan. 1698–9, No. 18.]

Jan. 25. 26. Letter of the Officers of the Household of the Queen Dowager to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them to direct their warrant to the wood-ward general and the regarders of Her Majesty's forests of Salcey and Whittlewood, to mark and set out such convenient number of trees as would be necessary for gateing, stiling, cabening, and staking the several coppices to be felled. Dated 25 Jan. 1698.
Indorsed:—"Ordered, Queen Dowager stakewood." 1 *page.*

Jan. 25. 27. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, on the petition of Messrs. Culliford and Evernden, proposing to serve the

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1698–9. Navy with 1,000 bolts of English cloth for sails for the "Sovereign," building at Woolwich: approving the cloth, but declining to advance money by way of imprest thereon. Dated 25 Jan. 1698.

Also their memorial and proposal.

Minuted:—"31 Jan. 1698[9]. 1,000li on the next May payment of the 2 millions to the Navy, to be imprested to Mr Culliford & Evernden for sail cloth," &c.

The above minute is also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 63, 31 Jan. 1698. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 26. 28. Letter of the Comrs of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. They had received a letter from Mr. Lowndes to Lord Romney, intimating that it was their pleasure that* 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, issued to the treasurer of that office for gunnage of 20 guns taken by Captain Waters in the "Subtile prize," should be paid to him; but they should respite paying over the money till their Lordships had further considered the matter. Dated 26 Jan. 1698–9.

Minuted:—"Another letter to ye Earl of Romney to cause this sum to be paid for extra service performed by Capt. Waters, by way of bounty.

"This minute not complyed with; but a letter to pay as at 1st directed, and not to be made a president (*sic*) for ye future." 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 29. Letter of the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, desiring him to solicit for a supply of money for imprests for carrying on the works of the new docks at Portsmouth. Dated 26 Jan. '98. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 30. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury concerning several papers of the Earl of Bellomont, which treated of the state of the revenue of New York, the disbursements, &c. of Col. Fletcher, the late governor, the corruption of Col. Fletcher and Mr. Brooks, the seizure of ships and some East India goods, the importation of East India goods brought from Madagascar and obtained there by barter with the pirates, some of whom had Col. Fletcher's commission and other similar matters. Dated 27 Jan. 1698. 2 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 27.] 31. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Gillery to the Lords of the Treasury. He served in Ireland in 1691 as major to the Prince of Hesse's brigade, when the prince lay ill of wounds received at the battle of Ackrin [Aghrim], the command having devolved on Lord Cutts. The petitioner was also wounded, and had a horse shot under him. Praying to be allowed as other majors of brigades were, viz., 92*l.* 10*s.* Recd 27 Jan. '98.

"*Minuted:*—"27 June '99. Ref. to E. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

* The minute for the issue of this sum is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 14, 7 Nov. 1698.

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[About Jan. 27.] 32. "An acct of moneys laid out by George Townsend on acct of Sir Wm Williams estate, devised to His Majtie."
Minuted:—"27th Janry 1698. Pd 460l 2s 10d." 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 31. 33. Letter unsigned, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, addressed to the Officers of Ordnance, touching 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, which had been ordered into the hands of the treasurer and paymaster of the office of ordnance for Capt. Walters, on account of gunnage: desiring them to order the treasurer to pay the captain that sum not on account of gunnage, but as bounty for extraordinary service. Dated 31 Jan. 1698. 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 31.] 34. Petition of Robert Weddell, deputed warden of the mint at Chester by Isaac Newton, Esq., which said Robert apprehended and committed to prison and prosecuted more than 20 persons, for clipping and counterfeiting the coin, and making stamps to counterfeit stamped paper. Praying for payment of his bill, amounting to near 56*l.* Recd ult. Jany '98.
Also the said bill or account, in which are some particulars of the charges, &c. against the delinquents.
Minuted:—"12 June 1699. To be read when ye officers of ye Mint are here." 5 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 31.] 35. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning Andrew Clayton, late one of the collectors of Excise, who had free access to the accounts afforded him, with a view to assist him in making up his account, and was found indebted 5,601*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*, and had been under prosecution for the greatest part of the time since June 1694.
Minuted:—"Read 31 Janry 1698. The Comrs of Excise are to take care this debt be recovered as soon as may be from Mr Clayton & his sureties." 1 *page.*

Feb. 1. 36. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the sum that would probably be recovered from several seizures made in various ports, the total appraised value of which amounted to 7,822*l.* 13*s.* 11¾*d.* Dated 1 Feb. 1698.
Two enclosures. 5½ *pages.*

Feb. 1. 37. Report of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the owners of the ships "Mountfort," "Eaton," and "Rebecca," hired to carry men and horses to Holland, and detained by Lord Villiers on account of the intended invasion from France; and further agreed with, by his Lordship's orders, to bring part of the King's army, but afterwards countermanded and ordered to sail without them, under convoy of two men-of-war; which ships were fallen in with by about 12 sail of French privateers, and taken by them to Dunkirk: viz., submitting the consideration for the loss of the ships to their Lordships. Dated 1 Feb. 1698–9.
Three enclosures. 6 *pages.*

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Feb. 1. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Victualling to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Ayles, as to certain moneys due to Capt. Humphrey Ayles, her husband, for carrying soldiers to Jamaica, under command of Capt. Robert Wilmott, Commander of the Fleet, in November 1694. Dated 1 Feb. 1698.
(Five enclosures.)
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 75, 23 Feb. 1698, is the following:—"Capt. Humphrey Ailes is to be p^d per y^e vict^rs, according to their report of 1^st instant." 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 3. 39. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury about duties on vinegar beer. (A very lengthy report.) Dated 3 Feb. 1698. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 3. 40. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, mentioning the reception of an address from the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, which recommended the Baron of Corthuy or Cortling Ronsele for a pension, in consideration of his good services and extraordinary charity to the distressed Protestants, he and his family being reduced to the last extremity: heartily concurring in the recommendation. Dated 3 Feb. 1698.
(Two enclosures.)
Minuted:—"Ref. to L^ds Justices to find for him 200^li a year out of forfeited estates."
There is a similar minute to this in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 129, 26 May 1699. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 3. 41. Letter of R. Grey, Governor of Barbadoes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the muster of the men under Major Garth, recommending him, the officers, and company to their Lordships' favour and consideration. They had been reduced to great necessities for want of their subsistence. Dated Barbadoes, 3 Feb. 1698. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 3. 42. Letter from the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, sending a copy of a letter from Capt. Byng, commissary to the four marine regiments, desiring that he and his deputy might be paid the subsistence due, and that for the future it might be in the demands to be made for subsisting the marines. Dated 3 Feb. 1698.
Accompanied by the said copy. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 43. Report of the Officers for Prizes concerning moneys received by Mr. John George, agent for prizes in New England and the islands adjacent, and payable to the said officers. Dated 7 Feb. 1698–9. 1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 44. Letter of the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, applying for an issue of 1,013*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* from the Treasury, for paying the quarters and other charges for sick and wounded seamen. Dated 8 Feb. '98. With an enclosure. 2 *pages.*

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March 25 1698 to 10 Feb. 1698–9. 45. Weekly accounts of the state of Exchequer bills received and issued by the four tellers of the Exchequer and Receiver-General of the Excise, the first week ends 25 March 1698 and the last on 10 Feb. 1698–9.

They were drawn up according to the certificates returned to the trustees for exchanging the said bills.

Many weeks are missing. 20 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 46. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury about land-carriage officers, recommending the establishment in fee of Richard Claridge and Edward Ebdon, whereby there would be an effective establishment of 16 land-carriage men to perform duty, &c. Dated 11 Feb. 1698–9.

Minuted:—"Tho. Pistoll & Charles Walter to be land carriag men in the two vacancies. Ap. 18^th^ 1699. W^t^ signed 28 Aprill 1699."

There is a minute in the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 102, 18 April, to the same effect, except that the name is William Walter and not Charles. 1¼ *pages.*

[About Feb. 14.] 47. Petition of Robert Weddell, warden of the Mint at Chester, to the Lords of the Treasury praying that his bill amounting to 56*l.* for apprehending counterfeiters, &c. might be paid. Referred to the officers of the Mint, 14 Feb. 1698.

Accompanied by his account of disbursements.

[These are nearly word for word the same as the papers noticed under 31 Jan. 1698–9, No. 34.] 5 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 48. Report of Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Thomas Richards, late Receiver of Taxes for the county of Hertford, who was in arrear 274*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, offering no objection to the staying of process against him. Dated 16 Feb. '98–9.

Minuted:—"A warr^t^ for this." 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 49. Certificate of the four Tellers of the Exchequer of the number and value of guineas remaining in the offices of the tellers, which had been received for the King's use from the receivers of his revenues, taxes, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1698. 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 50. A letter signed Emery Arguis, addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to remind their Lordships of the 5*l.* for His Majesty's house at Kensington, for the poor of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Dated 16 Feb. 1698. 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 51. Memorial of Trustees for the Exchequer bills to the Lords of the Treasury. In addition to presenting the accounts they ask for payment of 2,400*l.*, being 8 *per cent.* upon 300,000*l.* subscribed to the fourth contract. They laid open the rolls for taking subscriptions to a sixth contract for advancing money for circulating Exchequer bills, and had accordingly obtained subscriptions for one million of

1698–9. money at 3*l. per cent.* premium. They asked their Lordships to sign the fifth and sixth contracts. Also they asked for half a year's salary due to themselves, amounting to 2,530*l.*, and for 900*l.*, being a quarter's interest upon 60,000*l.* loan deposited in the hands of the trustees, as a quick stock for circulating Exchequer bills, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1698–9.

Minuted:—"For 24,000^{li} for 4th subscription. W^{t} signed for half a year's salary. Warr^{t} signed for 900^{li} for a qu^{rs} int. of 60^{ml}." 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 52. Copy of an Order in Council, on a representation of the Council of Trade, upon a proposal made by Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu and Mr. . . . . Heathcote, agents for the King in the island of Jamaica, that no patents might be granted by His Majesty, except to such as should reside there and execute the same; complying with the proposal and ordering that all patent officers in the King's plantations be obliged to reside and execute their offices personally. Dated 16 Feb. 1698. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 16.] 53. Petition of David Evans, late lieutenant in the 2nd Marine regiment, lately commanded by the Hon. Sir Cloudsley Shovell, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. He had faithfully served His Majesty ever since the revolution, and there were 20 months pay due to him. Praying for payment.

Accompanied by a certificate showing that 138*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* were due to him. Rec^{d} 16 Feb^{y} '98.

Minuted:—"There is no m^{o} to pay his arrears, but he will have half-pay according to y^{e} vote of ye H. of Commons." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 54. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Matthew Deane, a prisoner in Wood St. compter, who was a surety for Thos. Smith, an officer of Excise at Ashwell, in Bedfordshire, who had appropriated 20*l.* of the Excise money. Dated 17 Feb. 1698–9.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"A warrant to inlarge him."

Warr^{t} signed 2^{d} March 1698. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 17.] 55. Report of Mr. Richard Taylor to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Eliz. Freeke, as to certain unpaid tickets being identical with those lost by the petitioner by a fire at St. James'.

Referred to Mr. Tailer's consideration. 17 Feb. 1698.

The report is written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 17.] 56. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Bridget Adams, respecting certain lottery tickets destroyed by fire, and concerning other tickets lost by fire or other casualties. Referred 17 Feb. 1698.

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 18. 57. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the report of the Commissioners of the Revenue and Forfeitures, together with a list of certain forfeited lands undisposed of, exceeding the value of 300*l.* *per ann.*, which were petitioned for by Major John Pepper. Dated 18 Feb. 1698.
(Four enclosures.)
Minuted :—"26 May 1699. Respited." 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 18. 58. Letter of W. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury. He had spoken with Mr. Twitty and advised with him about the method of discharging the bills mentioned in the annexed memorial of Christopher Montague, Esq., auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 18 Feb. 1698.
Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 59. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting loss sustained by Mr. Lassells on repaying the money lent to the King on the security of the quit rents of Ireland. Stating that it appeared to the Lords Justices that there was 13*l.* 0*s.* 10¼*d.* *per cent.* loss in repaying him. Also, reporting on the account of the Com^rs for Victualling the Navy concerning 8,488*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* advanced by the receiver-general there. Dated 20 Feb. 1698.
With two enclosures, one of which is headed:—"A state of the account of Richard Lassells, and of the losse arising in the repaym^t of 33,050^li, lent by him to His Ma^tie, occasioned by raising the money in Ireland from 23^s to 26^s per guiney." 5 *pages.*

[About Feb. 20.] 60. Petition of Katherine Taylor, the daughter and executrix of Ann Goulding, deceased; showing that her mother had a pension of 120*l.* *per ann.* for the services of her husband, Capt. John Goulding, who was killed, and that 300*l.* were due at her death: praying for 150*l.* of the same to pay debts incurred. "Rec^d 20^th Feb^y '98." 1 *page.*

Feb. 21. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. Concerning a dispute between the Earl of Bellomont, Governor of New York, &c. and Col. Bass, Governor of East and West New Jersey about the settlement of a port at Perth Amboy. Advising that the establishment of a collector at Perth Amboy, was not intended to exempt the inhabitants of New Jersey from the payment of duties with which they were before chargeable to the government of New York, and they were wholly different from those with which the collector of the customs was charged at Perth Amboy and were not under their direction. Dated 21 Feb. 1698-9.
Minuted :—"Done." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 21. 62. Representation of the Com^rs of Sick and Wounded to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that there were 3,000*l.* in bills of exchange drawn on them, and the persons (especially country

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gentlemen) were very uneasy and pressing, and the poor people at the ports were grown impatient for their arrears. Dated 21 Feb. 1698–9. 1 *page.*

Feb. 21. 63. Report of the Lord Walden, Commissary-Genl. of His Majesty's forces addressed to the King, on the petition of George Herlackenden, Esq., confirming the statement in the petition, viz., that the petitioner bought his place of deputy commissary or muster-master of the forces for 700*l.*, and by His Majesty's order he turned him out without his being guilty of any misdemeanour, to make way for Mr. Uthwatt, which seemed a hardship unless he were relieved or granted half pay. Dated 21 Feb. 1698. [This is written on the back of the petition.]

Another petition on the subject of the arrears (182*l.* 10*s.*) due to him: praying to be paid.

Minuted :—" 28 June '99. There is no m° provided this year for the paym^t of arrears." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 64. Report of Henry Shales, auditor, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the several rents set apart for payment of pensions, with the arrears to be collected in the counties of Westmoreland and Cumberland, to satisfy the stipends in those counties and in the county of Lancaster. Dated 22 Feb. 1698. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 65. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, offering to their Lordships the states of the accounts; craving directions whether they should call in the other half of the 300,000*l.* subscribed to the fourth contract, before the contract determined, they not having been able to deliver back bills to the respective subscribers for the first half; further showing the present state of the first call on the fourth contract. Dated 23 Feb. 1698. 1 *page.*

March 23, 1697–8 to Feb. 23, 1698–9. 66. Weekly balance sheets entitled, "Specie cash in the management of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills on the third and fourth contracts."

The first week ends 23 March 1697, and the last 23 Feb. 1698. Many weeks are missing. 22 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 67. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the Right Hon. John Methuen, Esq., Lord Chancellor of Ireland, speaker of the House of Lords, and Robt. Rochfort, Esq., Attorney-General speaker of the House of Commons, to be allowed 500*l.* a-piece as was usual for their entertainment during each session. Dated 24 Feb. 1698–9. 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 68. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Hugh Rowley, Esq., praying to be considered for his great losses, services, and sufferings in the late troubles in Ireland; reporting that "for his misbehaviour in the office of a justice of the peace and otherwise, he was, upon the complaint and at the instance of the society of London concerned in the plantation

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in the county of Londonderry, and at the request of several members of Parliament, put out of the commission of the peace, and from the command of a militia troop by the late Lord Capell, when in the government here;" and further charging him with making suggestions contrary to truth. Dated 24 Feb. 1698–9. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 69. Letter of the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, as to the want of money to pay bills of exchange, for imprests for the yards, for contingencies, &c.; Chatham being almost without timber: praying him to solicit their Lordships for money. Dated 24 Feb. '98. 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 70. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Evernden, sen., praying for a "*nolle prosequi*" on the informations exhibited against him for importing and receiving into his custody foreign silk and lace; certifying that what the petitioner alleged was true. Dated 24 Feb. 1698.

Accompanied by the petition, which states that he was one of the first promoters of the manufacture of sail-cloth; and another paper headed:—"Reasons humbly tendered to the Right Hon^ble the Lords Comissioners of His Ma^tyes Treasury for moderateing the satisfaction to be given by Anthony Evernden to M^r Ford the prosecutor."

Minuted:—"A warr^t for a *noli pros.*, first giving satisfaction to M^r Ford." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 71. Letter from the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, sending a copy of a letter from Mr. Reynolds, signifying the want of a further supply of money for subsistence of the four marine regiments; urging him to apply to the Lords of the Treasury thereon. Dated 24 Feb. '98.

Accompanied by the copy. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 72. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending to their Lordships Col. Toby Purcell, who was seeking a grant of the estate of Thady Quin, of Adare, in the county of Limerick, said to be forfeited; or for such other lands as were worth 400*l. per annum,* in reward of his services. Dated 24 Feb. 1698.

Also his petition.

Minuted:—"26 May 1699. Ref. to L^ds Justices for a list of forfeited lands to the value proposed." 1 *page and* 2 *parts of a page.*

Feb. 28. 73. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the duties on brandy; craving their advice as to what was fit to be done. Dated 28 Feb. 1698.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 94, 31 March 1699, is the following:—"Com^rs of Excise. My Lords are of opinion that the Acts for the dutys on brandys want an explanation, soe that there be paid on the Anuity Act for 6^d *per* gall. for 99 years on the Deficiency

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Act for 2^{sh} *per* gall^{o} till 1 Aug. 1708, on the Lottery Act for 2^{sh} *per* gall. for 16 years, and on the Bank Act for 6^{d} *per* gall., no more than 3/5^{ths}; and proportionably for double brandys." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 20 and 28. 74. Two letters from Mons. D'Herbaud, without address, the first stating that he had received the letter sent, exempting his vessel from the entry dues, which the King had granted him; as the matter was finished, he would not apply to the Treasury for the money paid. He was sensible of the King's kindness, and thanked his correspondent for his advice. Dated 1 March 1699.

The second stating that now he was better informed of the laws of England, and the dues on what came from France, he did not think he could receive the bank note, and returned it, seeing that the King or the Treasury must pay him 100*l.*; also expressing his thanks to his correspondent and Mr. De Vernon. Dated 10 March 1699. [*French.*]

By the docquets it would appear that the dates are 20 and 28 Feb. 1698–9. 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Feb. 27. 75. Letter of the Com^{rs} for Victualling to Wm. Loundes, Esq., secretary to the Treasury, as to bills drawn on them by Admiral Aylmer; asking their Lordships' directions. Dated 27 Feb. 1698–9.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 88, 17 March 1698, is the following:—"Vict^{rs}. My Lords say the bills of Adm^{ll} Aylmer for 10,000^{li} shalbe paid as soon as my Lords have money applicable to such uses; and for what shall be wanting to their Agent at Cadiz, to carry on ye service there, my Lords will take care that the bills for the same shalbe satisfied."

Again, at p. 101, 14 April 1699:—"6,108. 15. 2½. out of y^{e} loans in the Exchequ^{r} on ye land tax is to be paid to ye navy for ye Vict^{rs} to clear a bill of exch^{a}[nge] of 10,000^{li} drawne by Adm^{ll} Aylmer for the victuall supplyed in ye Streights whilst it was managed by him." 1 *page.*

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March 1. 1. Letter of the Com^{rs} of the Revenue for Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a view of the gross produce of the King's revenue for one year, ending 25 Dec. 1698, &c. Dated 1 March 1698–9.

[The "view" not now with it.] 1 *page.*

March 2. 2. Letter of Nathaniel Hawes to the Lords of the Treasury. The warrant to the auditor of the Exchequer for payment of 370^{li} 10^{s}, due at Christmas 1697, for placing out the lads of their "Mathe-

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matical-bred apprentices," was charged with not less than 80*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* upon the capitation Act; urges that they were obliged to employ the whole in placing out those lads, and importunately begs for relief. Dated Christ's Hospital, 2 March 1698–9.

Accompanied by a receipt for the 80*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* 1¼ *pages.*

March 3. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the making up of the general accounts of the revenue of Excise, desiring their Lordships' particular directions to the controller of Excise for speedily making up the same to Midsummer 1694. Dated 3 March 1698. 1 *page.*

March 3. 4. Letter signed Wm. Popple, to William Lowndes, Esq., by command of the Com^rs for Trade and Plantations, desiring him to move their Lordships concerning the right claimed by the proprietors of East New Jersey to a port at Perth Amboy, on which subject the Com^rs were much pressed by the Earl of Bellomont for a remedy to a thing so prejudicial to the King's interest in the province of New York: asking what their Lordships thought about the case. Dated 3 March 1698–9. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 6. 5. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that the Lords Chief Justices and the Lord Chief Baron, with the Attorney and Solicitor-General, and the Judges of the Admiralty and Prerogative Court had been advised with, concerning the cases of foreign ships, that had lately been visited in our ports, upon pretence of searching for wool; when they came in only for shelter against stress of weather, and had no intention either of taking in goods or unloading here, but were bound homewards with the goods they had bought in foreign markets: intimating the King's pleasure that the Com^rs of Customs should order that such ships should not be so visited. Dated 6 March 1698–9.

Minuted:—"A copy of this w^th my Lords direction accordingly, to be sent to Com^rs of Customes." 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

March 7. 6. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the seizure of a bark named the "Francis," by the officer of Customs at Falmouth, for breaking bulk of the cargo. Dated 7 March 1698–9. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"A copy of this to be written, and M^r Glanvill to attend the French ambassad^r's secretary, and give him the copy." 2 *pages.*

March 7. 7. Petition of the captains of Col. Farrington's late regiment to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to order the payment of a warrant for 559*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, which they were out of pocket, for waggons, &c. in their marches. Rec^d 7 March '98.

Minuted:—"28 June 1699. To be p^d w^n other debts of the same kind are paid." 1 *page.*

March 8. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Sparkes and Thomas Jefferies, who were

1698–9. under judgment upon a trial in Sussex, for transporting corn out of England into France. They would not object to the petitioners being relieved. Dated 8 March 1698–9. (Six enclosures.)
Minuted :—"A *noli prosequi*." 7½ *pages*.

[? About March 8.] 9. Petition of Captain Charles Houston to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that his arrears of pension of 20*s*. a week might be paid, nearly three years being due. Rec^{d} 8 March '98.
Minuted :—"27 June '99. My L^{ds} do not think fit to give any direction ab^{t} particular pencions." 1 *page*.

March 9. 10. Report signed John Gellibrand, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the nature and value of certain Bibles and Common Prayer Books delivered by Mr. Sam. Carr, stationer, to the Bishop of London, to [be forwarded to Maryland]: finding that the account was reasonable, the books being of the Oxford editions, not then to be bought at the price, being so extremely scarce. Dated 9 March 1698. It is written on the back of the petition.
Minuted :—"To be paid." 1½ *pages*.

March 9. 11. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning a memorial in relation to several Exchequer bills, amounting to 510*l*. 19*s*. 9*d*., which had been received from the new subsidy at the port of Exeter, and sent up by post from thence, but were intercepted and stolen by persons who robbed the mail, one of whom, John Arthur, was convicted for the same; recommending that Mr. Orchard, the collector, should have credit for the said Exchequer bills, &c. Dated 9 March 1698. (Two enclosures.) 6½ *pages*.

March 9. 12. "Walter Devereux' proposall to the L^{ds} of the Treasury, for preventing the owling trade on the coast of Kent, &c.," chiefly consisting of strictures on proposals made by Mr. Henry Baker on the same subject. The appointment of bachelors or single men, and the removal of officers was inconsistent with the King's interest, the building of watch-houses was unnecessary, also the hiring of warrens, &c. It contains much information about the state of smuggling on the coasts of Kent and Sussex. Dated 9 March 1698–9. 2½ *pages*.

March 10. 13. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Taylor, concerning a parcel of muslins and romalls, which were put on shore only to avoid a severe and arbitrary mulct (as he stated), and afterwards were put into the hands of the collector of Deal; advising that he should be allowed 204*l*. 18*s*., first paying the duties on the goods, viz., 49*l*. 9*s*. 5*d*. Dated 10 March 1698–9. (Three enclosures.)
Minuted :—"Read 24 Oct. '99. My Lords can give no reliefe." 7 *pages*.

March 11. 14. Letter from Mr. Van Homrigh to the Hon. Wm. Lowndes, begging his favour in presenting his petition to the Lords of the

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Treasury, with the two several reports and recommendations of the Lords Justices of Ireland, and laying them before the King: praying for his favour and assistance. Dated Dublin, 11 March 1698–9.

The following, which apparently relates to this, is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 127, 24 May 1699 :—" Mr Van Homrigh's letter: 1,000li to be allowd." 1 *page.*

March 11. 15. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the widow Lindsey, concerning arrears due to her late husband, as lieutenant in Major-Gen. Lumly's (formerly Sir John Lanier's) regiment: if their Lordships ordered the amount, 46*l.* 12*s.*, it must come through Lord Coningsby's hands. Dated 11 March 1698.

Minuted:—" Speak with Mr Pauncefoot about this. This is part of ye Irish arrears, for wch noe provision is made this year."

(Two enclosures.) 3¼ *pages.*

March 11. 16. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Jones, saddler, and George Dorsett, shoemaker, praying to be paid 261*l.* 12*s.* and 82*l.* for saddles, &c., and boots delivered by them, for the use of the Lord Jedburgh's regiment, in the year 1697, out of the money ordered for clothing for that year; submitting it to their Lordships whether they were to be left to take their course at law, or what else should be done for their relief. Dated 11 March 1698.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 11. 17. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of Treasury, on the petition of Captain John Hutchinson, praying payment of his subsistence in Col. Lillingston's late regiment, from 7 Jan. to 1 Oct. 1693; certifying that 73*l.* 3*s.* were due to him. Dated 11 March 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" To be p[ai]d out of ye remaynes lately putt into ye E. of Ranelagh's hands." 2 *pages.*

March 11. 18. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Henry Tuthill, button-seller, and Robert Dillimore, tailor, for payment, out of the clothing money, of sums due to them for supplies to Brigadier Ingoldsby's and Col. Fred. Hamilton's regiments; submitting it to their Lordships whether the petitioners should take their course at law, or what else should be done for their relief. Dated 11 March 1698.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" 12 June '99. The petrs must take their course at law." 2 *pages.*

[? About March 11.] 19. Copy of letter, unsigned and unaddressed, and another memorandum on the subject of the last report. Undated. 2 *small pages.*

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March 14. 20. "Mr. Abbott's report on y^e petition of the officers of severall broken reg^ts for wagon money, &c." Certifying that there was due to the said broken regiments [to wit, the Duke of Bolton's, Col. Coot's, Col. Brudenall's, and Col. Gibson's] in all 3,326*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, besides what was due to Major-General Erle's broken battalion, which was contained in a particular report of the Earl of Ranelagh. Dated 14 March 1698–9.

Minuted:—"20^th June '99. Speak w^th my L^d Ranelagh."
"Read 21^th do." 3 *pages.*

March 14. 21. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the captains of both Major-General Erle's battalions; praying payment of several contingent warrants, for carriages and other charges, in the march of their companies; certifying that 642*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.* were due. Dated 14 Mar. 1698–9.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Ap. '99. When there is any m^o not appropriated to other uses my Lords will give directions to pay this sum."

(Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

[? About March 14.] 22. Letter of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of John Frederick, Count Dona Ferassier, for a grant of the estate of the Lady Hellen Collvill, the petitioner's then wife, which (as he was advised) was in the King's gift, by reason of his being an alien. Dated "March" 1698–9.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 86, 14 Mar. 1698, is the following:—

"To the Lords Justices upon occasion [of] ye letter from them to M^r Sec^ry, recommending a grant to Count Dona of his wife's estate. That nothing ought to be done in order to obteyning a grant of lands in Ireland, but by a petition to His Ma^ty, whereupon this board receives the King's pleasure to refer it to ye Gov^t there, and by a report thereupon to this board to be layd by their Lo^ps before ye King; and the reason why my Lords do not insist in Count Dona's case is because he desires nothing but his Lady's estate." 1 *page.*

March 16. 23. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking for a renewal of their Lordships' authority to the Com^rs of Customs, for clearing ships laden with stores from the Ordnance Office. Dated 16 March 1698–9.

Also a letter from the same to Mr. Lowndes, on the same subject; urging despatch "in regard the loss of a little time at this juncture in clearing the ship 'Benjamin,'" employed to transport stores to Cadiz, for the squadron under the command of Admiral Aylmer, might be of great dis-service to His Majesty, the wind being fair, and the convoy staying at the Nore for her. Dated the same day. 2 *pages.*

March 16. 24. Report of the Com^rs for Stamps, on the petition of Mr. Edward Cowley. He was indebted to the King for stamps on the balance of his account 93*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* Dated 16 Mar. 1698–9.

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Also the petition for the advance of the arrears or for 100*l.* on account, and a letter threatening prosecution if the debt were not paid.

Minuted :—"Read 2 May 1699. It cannot be done." 3 *pages.*

March 17. 25. A letter signed "Hen. Baker," to the Lords of the Treasury, representing that the King was in possession of the estate of the Lord Griffin, in order that their Lordships might authorize the receiver of the county to take the rents. Dated 17 March '98.

Minuted :—"27 June '99. A warr^{t} to ye audr. to give it in charge to y^{e} rec^{r}."

"W^{t} signed 6 Nov. 1699." 1 *page.*

March 17. 26. Letter of the Navy Board to Mr. Loundes, desiring him to move the Lords of the Treasury to order the Com^{rs} of Customs to pass certain stores custom-free, to be transported to Cadiz for the squadron in the Mediterranean. Dated 17 March '98.

(Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

March 17. 27. Letter of Mr. John Chetwynd to William Lowndes, Esq., enclosing a petition from a relation of his, viz., Ann Chetwynd, wife to Thomas Chetwynd, who served His Majesty as apothecary to the moving hospital in Ireland ; praying for an order for 10*l.* out of the King's bounty, or out of 142*l.* 8*s.*, due for her husband's services, she and her six children being in great want. Dated 17 March '98–9.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 88, 17 March 1698, is :—"Anne Chetwynd to have 10^{l}, in part of her husband's arrear, to carry her into Ireland." 2 *pages.*

[About March 17.] 28. Petition of Charles Marris, and others, setting forth various seizures made by them, a portion of which consisted of upwards of 30 pieces of alamodes, which were delivered to the storekeepers of the port of London ; and further that there were then but 18 pieces to be found : praying their Lordships to right them.

"Rec^{d} 17 Mar. '98. 28 June 1699. Referred to y^{e} Comm^{rs} Cust." 1 *page.*

March 18. 29. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, as to bills drawn by Mr. Aylmer, Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the King's ships in the Mediterranean, to buy provisions for the squadron, and to pay the men for their short allowance of victuals ; which bills the Com^{rs} of Victualling had not accepted, &c. Dated 18 Mar. '98–9. 1½ *pages.*

March 20. 30. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, representing the case of Mr. Savage, clerk of the Crown, who, for his pains in indicting and outlawing persons who had been in arms, &c., had a warrant from the late Queen to receive 40*s.* for each person so outlawed before July 1692, and for those who should be outlawed for the future, the number of whom amounted to 5,373 persons ; recommending him for a pension. Dated 20 March 1698–9.

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Minuted:—"1st Nov. '99. The King is not pleased to grant him any pention."

There is the same minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 206, on that day.

Copy of the warrant and two other brief papers. 4 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

March 21. 31. Letter from Lord Devonshire to the Lords [of the Treasury]. By Act of Parliament a debt to one Mr. Rupert Brown of 4,800*l.* had to be paid by cutting the King's woods in the forest or chase of Needwood (Stafford); which sum, if so raised, would utterly deface the forest, to the loss of the King and prejudice of the noblemen, gentlemen, and freeholders that had right of *estover* there, who had petitioned the King thereon. He desires that some other way might be found to pay the said Brown. His Lordship had ordered his deputy, Mr. George Vernon of Sudbury, to make proposals for the better management and cutting the woods, that the best timber might be preserved, and in such places as would be graceful for the forest, and convenient for the deer: desires speedy directions. Dated Devonshire House, 21 March 1698–9. 1 *page.*

March 21. 32. Extract from a letter from Sir Wm. Beeston, Governor of Jamaica, to the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Vernon. Dated 21 March 1698–9. The writer heard that Mr. Brodrick was solicitous to return to his post; there was no reason why he should have left, but if he returned it would infinitely disturb the quiet of the island, and make all people very uneasy, because they had no manner of belief in him or in anything he said. Dated 21 March 1698–9. 1 *page.*

March 21. 33. Letter of the Comrs of Ordnance to Mr. Lowndes, as to orders to the Comrs of Customs to allow the export of goods custom-free, being stores of war. Dated 21 March 1698–9. 1 *page.*

March 22. 34. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes, concerning (1) provisions to be furnished to the fleet in the parts of Spain customs-free; (2) Needwood Forest and Rupert Browne's debt, enclosing a petition; and (3) Mr. Sutton's bills of extraordinaries lying at the Treasury [unpaid], which Mr. Sutton was employed at Vienna as agent, and had great difficulty in subsisting, his allowance being small and the way of living in that Court very expensive. Dated 22 March 1698–9. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Petition to the King "of the gentlemen of the Woodmote jury att the Woodmote Courte, held for Your Majesties forrest or chace of Needwood at your Majesties castle of Tutbury the 20th day of September *anno Dom.* 1698, and of divers noblemen and other gentlemen on behalfe of themselves and severall townships and many hundred families." The forest is the most beautiful in the kingdom, it was formerly of larger extent and fuller of wood; the petitioners by ancient charters claimed a right to a greater quantity of wood of *estovers* than the forest would then bear, upon which

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right many townships and several hundred families bordering upon the forest depended, and in great part subsisted, and out of it the castle of Tutbury, the King's lodges, several churches, common bridges, pounds, and fences in and about the same were repaired. An Act of Parliament had passed to restore the forest to the King, and thereby secure the rights, &c. to the petitioners, in which Act was a clause to pay 3,300*l.* with interest to Mr. Rupert Browne by the sale of wood from the forest; 1,305*l.* worth had been sold, and 4,800*l.* remained due to the said Browne, which if raised, would destroy the forest and the game and deprive them of their rights: they pray some other way might be found to pay Mr. Rupert Browne.

On the back is:—"R. 13 [or perhaps 18] Mar. 1698."

It has 77 signatures. 2 *pages* (*quarto*) *and* 2 *pages* (*brief size*).

March 24. 35*a*. Letter of the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, sending enclosed a copy of the decree of the Court of Exchequer in a suit between Mr. Fitch and others, upon account of the docks at Portsmouth. Dated 24 March '98.

(Three enclosures.) 5 *pages.*

[? Between Jan. and March 25.] 35*b*. Report of Sir Isaac Newton and two other principal officers of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Crichlow, citizen and button-maker of London, finding that the press of Gerrard Bovey was not licensed by their Lordships, as was alleged by the petitioner, but only permitted by some officers of the Mint on his giving security that it should not be used for anything else but buttons; it had been re-delivered to the Mint before the late Act, making it treason to have a press for coining; leaving it to their Lordships as to the licensing such presses. Dated, 1698–9.

Minuted:—"My Lords think it dangerous to give any lycence." 1 *page.*

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March 25. 36. Report by the auditors, B. Bridges and T. Done, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of John Knight, Esq., late receiver-general and cashier of Customs. The 80*l.* paid for stationery to Sir Thomas Laurence, secretary for Maryland, appeared to be paid by their Lordships' directions; 22*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for customs on wines for the King's use was made out; the 93*l.* 10*s.* paid to Mr. Germaine for a loan of Exchequer notes, was represented as done by their Lordships' order; the 186*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* paid Mr. Burton for short [and bad money was demanded for loss sustained by the indirect practices of the tellers employed in the Duchy Court, several of the tellers were discharged for exchanging and pilfering money, Mr. Knight had to make good to Mr. Burton what was wanting in the bags; the 250*l.* was demanded for a quarter's salary to satisfy the clerks in making up the accounts, although Mr. Knight was discharged some time before the end of the quarter. It was a similar case to that of Mr. Lytcott, whose widow received the whole quarter. Dated 25 March 1699.

Also the memorial. 3 *pages.*

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March 26. 37. "An abstract of y^e establishment, commencing the 26^th^ of March 1699." [The army, but *query* if the whole of the forces.] 1 *page.*

March 28. 38. Memorial of the Victuallers to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be furnished with credits at Livorne, Naples, and Alicant for 10,000*l.* at each place, not knowing at which of the places the fleet might arrive for a supply. Dated 28 March 1699.
Also copy of the same. 2 *pages.*

March 29. 39. Account of money paid for transport service, and an account of what remains unpaid, and of cash that is now in the Transport Office. Dated 29 March 1699. 1½ *pages.*

March 29. 40. Letter signed "T. Weaver," to William Lowndes, Esq. He had often represented to the Council of Trade the miserable condition of the forces of New York (for which province he was agent), they having received no pay for 26 months, except 500*l.* He was too sick to attend personally, and was desirous to know if their Lordships had made an order; if the victuallers were not paid the forces must disperse, the Earl of Bellomont's government and credit sink, and the King's interest in America suffer extremely. Dated 29 March 1669.
Minuted:—"Read to my Lords ult. March 1699." 1 *page.*

March 30. 41. Reports of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an additional allowance of 30*l.* *per ann.* to Mr. Beverton, riding officer of the Customs at Canterbury, for a servant. Dated 30 March 1699.
Minuted:—"Agreed. W^t^ signed May 10^th^, 1699, and cancelled by the Lords, May 11^th^, '99." 1 *page.*

March 30. 42. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Russell, late commander of the ship "Fortune," of the eighth part of which he said he was owner, and had laid out upwards of 800*l.* in a voyage to Norway to fetch naval stores, and having delivered the same at Portsmouth, an officer of the Customs seized the ship as forfeited for importing the stores, the owners being Swedes; praying for the King's moiety of the ship, &c.: advising that there was good cause to grant directions to the Attorney-General to *non. pros.* the information of forfeiture exhibited against the said ship, &c. Dated 30 March, 1699.
Minuted:—"This business is at an end."
(Seven enclosures.) 17 *pages.*

March 30. 43. Letter from the Marquis of Carmarthen to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the waiving their parliamentary privilege in a trial of the Marquis's right to the office of auditor of the Exchequer. Dated 30 March 1699. 1½ *pages.*

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March 31. 44. Memorial of the Victuallers to the Lords of the Treasury, putting them in mind of bills drawn by Admiral Aylmer, also that the course of payments was in arrear upwards of 14 months, &c.; praying that moneys might be assigned. Dated 31 March 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 101, 14 April 1699, is:—"6,108. 15. 2½. out of ye loans in the Exchequr on ye land tax is to be p[ai]d to ye Navy, for victrs to clear a bill of exchq of 10,000l drawne by Admll Aylmer for the victuall supplyed in ye Streights whilst it was managed by him." 1 *page.*

March 31. 45. Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of Ireland, sending a petition of Lieut.-Col. Toby Caulfeild, praying for a grant of the King's right to an estate of the value of 50*l.* *per ann.* and arrears, forfeited by one Theobald Purcell; desiring their report thereon. Dated 31 March 1699.

The petition and a letter of the Duke of Ormond in his favour. 2½ *pages.*

March 31. 46. An application by the Comrs of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of the allowances and salaries of the establishment of that office, and for the stationer's bill and postage of letters. Dated 31 March 1699. 14 *pages.*

March 31. 47. Certificate of money imprested to Lionel Herne out of loans on the second 3*s.* aid for cancelling Exchequer bills. Certified, 31 March 1699. 1 *page.*

March 31. 48. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a new regulation by the Comrs of Customs in the mode of keeping the account of officers' salaries. Dated 31 March 1699. 1 *page.*

April 1. 49. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying the issue of a warrant for 1,000*l.* to pay for the interest of a lease of a house in the neighbourhood of the Custom-house, and that the receiver-general and solicitor of the Customs might be enabled to take an assignment of the lease, with a view of enlarging the office. Dated 1 April 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed. A warrt for this. Wt signed 12 Apr. 1699." 1½ *pages.*

[About April 1.] 50. Memorial of Dame Annabella Howard, executrix of Sir Robert Howard, knight, deceased, late auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer; their Lordships had signed an order for paying 31,911*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*, to Sir Robert Howard, out of the second 3*s.* aid to complete the arrears of such annuities as became due, between 17 May 1696 and 17 May 1697, and were payable out of two-sevenths of the late duty on tonnage, which was then in the course of payment. The executrix desired the officers of the Exchequer might receive their Lordships' commands, that as money should be

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directed upon the said order they should receive the same from the executrix as money belonging to the respective persons interested in the arrears of the said annuities.

Minuted:—"1 Apr. '99. If my Lady will release this order on the book in the Exchequer then my Lords will give warr[t] to the officers of the Exchequer to apply this sum for paym[t] of the annuitys, in the same manner as they should have applyed ye same if there were no such order." 1 *page.*

April 4. 51. Presentment of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, applying for the moiety of 91*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* (being the value of English coin shipped for export), to be paid to Mr. Colquit and Mr. Bentley, two of the officers of the port of Liverpool, who had seized the same. Dated 4 April 1699.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1 *page.*

April 4. 52. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills offering to their Lordships the states of the accounts, craving them to direct out of what money the order for 2,530*l.* due to the Trustees, &c. for salary, ordered by their Lordships, should be paid; craving an allowance upon 3,035½ guineas in the hands of the cashier, received at 22*s.*, the price of which fell on 16 Feb. previously to 21*s.* 6*d.* [*Minuted:*—"Ordered."]; further on the 28th of April 40,000*l.* would be due as premium on one million subscribed to the 5th contract for advancing money for circulating Exchequer bills, for which they asked that provision might be made, and in addition whether the Trustees should make a call for or demand a tender of the money subscribed on the said contract before the determination thereof. Dated 4 April 1699. 1 *page.*

April 4. 53. Presentment by the Com[rs] for Transports, to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning sums necessary to carry on the service. Dated 4 April 1699.

Also a schedule of provisions for 1,000 men for 30 days, for their passage from Holland to Scotland 1½ *pages.*

[? About April 4.] 54. Petition of Hugh Boulton to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed searcher of the Customs in the port of Boston, the fees, &c. not being worth more than 10*l.* a year.

Minuted:—"If it be of no greater value, my Lords will grant it."

Further down is "Const[ituti]on signed 4[th] Aprill 1699."

(One enclosure.) *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

April 6. 55. Presentment of the Com[rs] of Transports to the Lords of the Treasury, showing the sums due, and praying an order for 1,500*l.* to pay bills of exchange drawn by their agents in Holland, and such other sums as they saw fit. Dated 6 April 1699. 1 *page.*

April 10. 56. Petition of Andrew Hopegood of London, merchant, to the King, showing that there was an Act prohibiting the exportation of

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guns or bell metal without special licence; praying for licence to export a bell to Messina.

Referred 10 April 1699 to the Lords of the Treasury.

Minuted :—"A warr^t to be prepared." 1 *page.*

April 12. 57. Memorial of the Victuallers to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to what had been done on the memorial of 31 March; and further acquainting their Lordships with another bill drawn by Admiral Aylmer for 7,001*l.* Dated 12 April 1699. 1 *page.*

April 12. 58. The Attorney and Solicitor General's opinions upon queries submitted to them relating to the exportation of wool. One is dated 12 April 1699. 5½ *pages.*

April 13. 59. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Chance and Samuel Capell, praying to be paid the money due to them for clothes furnished to Lord Jedburgh's regiment in the year 1697, &c. The amount of the contract was 4,255*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Dated 13 April 1699.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 1 Xbr '99 to my Lords. The E. of Ranelagh being present. The pet^rs may have their tallys for their proportion, but my Lords can doe nothing further." 2 *pages.*

April 13. 60. Report of Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Smith, praying for the grant of a lease of a parcel of ground called Prince's meadow, part of the Thames-wall in Southwark; stating that the meadow was in the parish of Lambeth, and belonged to the Duchy of Cornwall, being part of the demesnes of the manor of Kennington, and that it might be granted for such a term as would make up the estate in being to 31 years: advising that the petition for 31 years could not be granted, but a new lease for 13 years might be. Dated 13 April 1699.

The petition and another paper, containing the case of the said Elizabeth Smith, to whom King Charles the Second was accustomed to present a bountiful new year's gift, and who was remarkably faithful and serviceable to the King's interest at the Revolution.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the King. Rejected."

There is also a similar minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 120, 17 May 1699. 3½ *pages.*

April 14. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the extract of a memorial from the Ambassador of the States General of the United Provinces, concerning some brandies which were cast away on the coast of Sussex. Dated 14 April 1699.

Also the said extract.

Minuted:—"27 June 1699. They have entred & paid the duty." 4 *pages.*

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April 14. 62. A presentment signed "Jonath. Jenings," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; setting forth the manner in which his fellow Commissioner for Prizes, Mr. Paschall, conducted business, viz., with damning, cursing, and swearing, giving instances of his disgraceful behaviour, and submitting the case to the wisdom of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 14 April 1699.
(Two enclosures.) 3½ *pages.*

April 14. 63. "A state of Exchequr bills received and issued by the four tellers of the Exchequr and Receiver-General of the Excise, to the 14th of Aprill 1699, inclusive, according to their certificates returned to the Trustees for exchanging the said bills." 1 *page.*

April 17. 64. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. The Queen in the third year of her reign, granted a pension of 1,200*l.* a year to seven Presbyterian ministers in Ireland, for the use of themselves and all the Presbyterian ministers in the North of Ireland. They recommend that the petition for the renewal of the patent to the two survivors, Robert Craghead and Alexander Hutchinson, and six others, should be complied with. Dated 17 April 1699.
The petition and a copy of the grant.
Minuted:—"26 May 1699. The annuity to be granted anew as is desired. Wt signd 30th May 1699."
The minute is also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 129, 26 May 1699. 4 *pages.*

April 18. 65. Memorial of the Victuallers to the Lords of the Treasury, showing what had been done upon the memorial of 12 April, and how they had disposed of the 40,000*l.* received from Parliament, &c.: presenting also a copy of the list of debts. Dated 18 April 1699. Three enclosures, one of which is a copy of the memorial of 12 April. (See No. 57.) 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 20. 66. Memorial of the Trustees appointed for exchanging Exchequer bills, offering to their Lordships the states of the accounts, laying the same matters before them and in much the same terms as those in their memorial of 25 April. (See No. 73.) The date of this memorial is 20 April 1699. 1½ *pages.*

April 20. 67. Order in Council, referring to the Lords of the Treasury the examination of the petition of Henry Oulding, which set forth that he caused Patrick Cunningham and William Smith to be apprehended at Exeter, for speaking dangerous words, tending to the taking away the King's life, and prosecuted them at his own charge: and prayed for a recompense for his losses. Dated 20 April 1699.
The petition and other papers connected therewith.
Minuted:—"Inqr whether any part of ye fine be paid or not, and in the mean time to have 50li—a warrt for it. Wt signed 7th Augt 1699."
[In his petition he states that Patrick Cunningham was convicted and sentenced to stand on a pillory and fined 500 marks.] 7 *pages.*

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[? About April 20.] 68. Petition of Thomas Hewitt to the Lords of the Treasury. He was appointed Receiver of the Land Revenue and the arrears thereof, in the counties of Warwick and Leicester, for which purpose particulars were delivered to him by Mr. Marryott, the deputy auditor, but they were erroneous and occasioned an expense to him of 40*l.*: prays their Lordships' warrant to the executors or administrators of Mr. Robert Ellis and to Mr. Horneby, to pay to the petitioner what had been unjustly received of the rents which ought to have been paid to the petitioner, and that he might be allowed the moneys expended.

"Rec^d 20^th^ Apr. '99."

"27 June '99. Ref. to aud^r^ Shales to rep^t^ w^th^ his opinion." 1 *page.*

April 21. 69. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, stating that the Lords of the Admiralty had directed the Com^rs^ of the Navy to lay before the Treasury the increase of charge, by not putting out of pay ships ordered to be laid up: and also pressing for provision of money. Dated 21 April 1699. 1 *page.*

April 21. 70. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. John Cherry, who was employed to discover the estate of the Earl of Dover, forfeited for high treason; in favour of the claim made by him for 81*l.* 9*s.* for his trouble and expense about the same. Dated 21 April 1699.

The petition, his account of expenses, and a letter of Mr. Aaron Smith to him, authorizing him to prohibit the tenants from paying their rent, except to those who were appointed to receive the same.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 149, 23 June 1699, is the following entry:—

"69*l.* 9*s.* to be p[ai]d to M^r^ John Cherry." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 22. 71. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Royal African Company, praying that certain debentures might be paid to them; which debentures by the evil practices of their treasurer and servants were concealed from them in order to defraud them thereof, and receive the money from the Custom-house: admitting that certain debentures which were not perfected, were unpaid, &c. Dated 22 April 1699.

Minuted:—"23^d^ May '99. My Lords leave this matter to y^e^ law."

(One enclosure.) 2½ *pages.*

April 22. 72. Letter signed by John Foord and John Spencer, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, imploring them to consider the case of the poor seamen and mariners lately belonging to the ship "Dragon," who were entitled to a share of a prize called "Noster dame Meserecordo," taken from the King's enemies by the "Dragon," in the Straights and condemned as prize, and entreating them to order the Com^rs^ of Prizes to pay them what was due. Dated 22 April 1699. 1 *page.*

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April 25. 73. Memorial of the Trustees appointed for the exchanging Exchequer bills, offering to their Lordships the states of the accounts, and a general account of the subscriptions of 300,000*l.* to the 4th contract, completed: on the 28th inst. 40,000*l.* would be due at 4 *per cent.* on 100,000*l.* subscribed to the 5th contract, for the payment of which, they craved directions: also asking whether they should make a call or demand a tender of the money subscribed. The Com^rs^ of Taxes charged the Trustees and their officers with about 700*l.* tax for the Capitation Act, though their office was not in being when the Act commenced, their Lordships' opinion had been that they ought not to pay, but they had directed them to take the Attorney-General's opinion, which they had done, and he thought they were not liable, but there was a *detinue* in the Exchequer upon their salary; craving their Lordships to take off the same, urging further that they had been paid in malt tickets, which were at a discount of nearly 25 *per cent.* On the first of the next month the loan of 60,000*l.* as a "quick stock" in that office would determine, timely provision should be made for a like stock, 1,800*l.* would be due for the said loan at 6 *per cent.* Dated 25 April 1699. 1¼ *pages.*

April 25. 74. Memorial of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords [of the Treasury]. He had lately made one journey more through Romney Marsh into Sussex, in which he had sealed the leases for both the warrens. In a few weeks one hundred and three score sheep would be shorn in that marsh, the fleeces of which would amount to 3,000 packs of wool, the greatest part whereof would be sent "off hot into France;" this was the second winter he had been almost wholly obstructed in this service. All the expenses would be lost, and the trade carried on with much more mischief to the King unless their Lordships immediately settled the matter. His remedies proposed on his previous survey at Michaelmas were referred to the Com^rs^ of Customs. He had frequently attended them, and six weeks before had laid a short scheme of the coast before them. He laid this memorial before their Lordships that mischiefs and dangerous correspondence with the King's enemies might be prevented. Dated 25 April 1699. 1½ *pages.*

[About April 25.] 75. Petition of "Gedeon the Villeneuve," captain in Brigadier-General Belcastel's regiment of Foot, lately disbanded, showing that 368*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* were due for services to him and his brother, who was killed in the late war; praying payment.
Rec^d^ 25 April '99. 1 *page.*

April 26. 76. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, advising that there should be allowed to the Revenue of Excise out of the duties on malt 46,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and leather, 23,333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for the necessary charges in collecting the same. Dated 26 April 1699.
Enclosing, "A calculate of the charges arising in manageing & collecting the duties on malt & leather."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 113, 5 May 1699, is:—M^r^ Attorney and Com^rs^ of Excise. The report of those Com^rs^ concern-

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ing ye managem^t of the malt & leather is read. My Lords conclude the charges in managing the same be made good to ye Excise, according to that report; that it be done gradually, & that the respective branches of Excise have their proportions." 2 *pages.*

April 27. 77. Report of Sir R. Cotton, Knt., and Sir Tho. Frankland, postmasters, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorials of Thomas Neale and Andrew Hamilton, Esqrs., stating that the latter had established a regular post to pass weekly from Boston to "New York in New England," and from New York to Newcastle in Pennsylvania, that the profits had every year increased so as to defray all charges except his salary; that the Attorney and Solicitor-General were of opinion the King could settle the rates for letters carried beyond sea, &c.; advising the appointment of an officer to take charge of all letters directed to the plantations, and send them in sealed bags, to be delivered to the deputy-postmaster in the first port where the ship should arrive, the master receiving a penny for each letter for his care, and upon such officers being established a public notice should be given that no other person presume to make any collection of letters for those parts; they were of opinion that the rate for inland letters proposed by Mr. Hamilton was too high, "it having been found by experience in the office here, that the easy and cheap corresponding doth encourage people to write letters, and that this revenue was but little in proportion to what it now is till the postage of letters was reduced from six pence to three pence;" it would require 1,200*l.* further charge than that already expended, to enlarge the post through Virginia and Maryland, &c. Dated 27 April 1699.

Accompanied by:—

"A calculation what charge will cary the post from Newcastle in Pensylvania to James' City in Virginia, about 400 miles."

The memorial of Thomas Neale, Esq.

Also another memorial from him, showing that he had deputed Andrew Hamilton, Esq., to erect post offices, who had at the said Thomas Neale's great charge, settled them 700 miles in length on the continent of America, the accounts for which were then laid before their Lordships; also that the deputy-postmaster had come over to afford information, and proposed the method contained in the enclosed memorial to support the post.

The said memorial of Andrew Hamilton, setting out the good effects of the Post Office, and suggesting various improvements.

He states:—"The method at present used to get letters transported to America is this; the masters bound thither, put up baggs in coffee houses, wherein the letters are put, and for which one penny *per* letter is usually paid, and two pence if it exceed a single letter. This is lyable to sev^ll abuses. First, any one under pretence that he wants to have his letters up again, may come to those baggs and take out other men's letters, and thereby discover the secrets of the merchants; and 'tis in their power entirely to withdraw 'em. 2^ndly, Severall masters, upon their arrivall, often keep up letters till they

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have disposed of their loading and are ready to sail again, and then drop them to the great hurt of those concerned, which inconveniences would be prevented, if letters were delivered from the Post Office in mails, and likewise delivered by them in mails into the Post Office where they arrive," &c.

Also the account above referred to, of settling and carrying on the post in North America, from the beginning of May 1693 to May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 152, 28 June 1699, is :—"Postm^{rs} Gen^{ll} & M^{r} Neal. My Lords sentim^{ts} are that the American post continue in M^{r} Neale's hands for some time, and that the postm^{rs} give him all the assistance they can, and the postm^{rs} will prepare letters to ye sev^{ll} Gov^{rs} to assist his agents; and when my Lords have had some further experience of ye value of this post, their Lop^{s} will represent ye same to ye K., in order to making a final agreement wth M^{r} Neal for ye same. And M^{r} Neale declares that when he departs with this office, M^{r} Andr. Hamilton shalbe satisfied what shalbe then due to him for managing & improving ye same." 11 *pages.*

April 28. 78. Sir Christopher Wren's "estimate of finishing part of Hampton Court," amounting to 6,800*l.* Dated 28 April 1699.

[Printed in the *Eighth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records*, App. II., pp. 200 and 201.] 1 *page.*

April 28. 79. Report of ye Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a scheme of Capt. Baker on the proposed establishment of officers for the guard of the coasts of Kent and Sussex; reducing the charge from his former proposal, from 5,765*l.* to 4,880*l. per ann.* Dated 28 April 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 109, 28 April 1699, is the following:—The Com^{rs} of the Customes & M^{r} Hen. Baker. M^{r} Baker's scheme for preventing the exportacon of wool is read, and the Com^{rs} last report."

(Two enclosures.) 5½ *pages.*

April 28. 80. Report of the same to the same, as to the appointment of officers for the registering of wool, as well within 15 miles of the Scotch borders as elsewhere; stating that as soon as they received the returns which they had ordered, they would put the laws in execution, and lay before their Lordships a scheme of an establishment for carrying on that service. Dated 28 April 1699. 1 *page.*

April 28. 81. Copy of report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on an order from the Council relating to the company at Newfoundland. The money and provisions left there would subsist the company to about the latter end of March next, but for the reasons given he thought three months' subsistence from the last of March 1700, amounting to 193*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*, should be sent, to secure them from want till the convoys for next year should arrive: further as to the demand of 247*l.* 11*s.* for clothing to be sent thither. Dated 28 April 1699.

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Also his memorial to have the above report taken into consideration.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 122, 19 May 1699, is:—"440. 13. 11. out of ye loans on ye land tax to be issued to ye E. of Ranelagh, viz^t for ye subs. of ye comp^a of foot at Newfoundland to Midsomer 1700, 193. 2. 11., and for cloathing them, 247. 10." 2½ *pages.*

April 29. 82. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wm. Clayton, who had given a bond for security of 1,600*l.* due by Andrew Clayton, a collector of Excise, who had been suspended from his employment, and had arranged to pay 2,000*l.* down, and give the above security for the said further sum of 1,600*l.*; advising that there was sufficient estate to answer the debt. Dated 29 April 1699.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs are to proceed in the effectuall prosecuting & recovering this debt."

(Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

April 29. 83. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edmund Harry, collector of the King's customs at Penryn, who had in error repaid 300*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* for impost duties to one Samuel Allen, who had previously imported certain goods and then exported them to New England; recommending him to their Lordships' clemency and compassion. Dated 29 April 1699.

Minuted:—"Agree to give the pet^r credit, but lett ye Com^rs instruct their officers better. W^t signed 16 May 1699."

(Two enclosures.) 4 *pages.*

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May 1. 1. Copy of letter from Thomas Harvey, agent for the victualling in the Straights, addressed to the victuallers, dated 1st May 1699, stating that in pursuance of the Admiral's order, he was endeavouring to get a warehouse in the "Island" to land such provisions as would serve the cruisers till the fleet returned from the Mediterranean, and that he would leave Mr. Wilson, his clerk, there, and proceed to Leghorn with the ship. Also respecting the supply of money for the fleet, by Sir Wm. Hodges & Co., giving some information on the state of the money market, and stating further that wine and oil were very dear, &c. Dated Cadiz Bay, 1 May 1699.

Copy of a letter from Sir Wm. Hodges & Co. of Cadiz, to the victuallers (dated the $\frac{1}{11}$ of May 1699), as to the furnishing money. When the Admiral sailed hence for the Straights, he was very well received and respected at Argeir [? Algiers], from whence he was to go to Tunis and Tripoli, and it was a great honour to our nation and

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security to our trade, in having such a squadron in the Straights, commanded by a person so fitly qualified to treat with all sorts of people; the "Weymouth" was bound home with horses from Argiers, for the King, &c.; the writer had a letter from Captain Delaval, whom the Admiral sent to Barbary to treat about the redemption of the King's subjects, and not being able to conclude anything with the Alcaid, there was a necessity for his going forward to Mequentz [Mequinez], but could not without money, and some small presents for the King, Queen, and favourite son, which they had furnished to the value of $2,311.

It contains other particulars about the rate of exchange, &c.

Also breviates of the said two letters. 6½ *pages.*

May 1. 2. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Singleton, prisoner in the Fleet, for a fine of 120*l.* for importation of French silks; certifying his poverty and inability to pay, and recommending him as an object of compassion. Dated 1 May 1699. Written on the back of the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 21 June '99. A warrt to acknowledg satisfaction upon record, as to ye King's part." 2 *pages.*

May 1. 3. Report of Mr. William Blathwayt to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Lord Lifford, Colonel of one of His Majesty's late Regiments of Foot; informing them that by certificate of Mr. Abbot, it appeared he stood respited for the months of September and October 1693, when he was attending the King beyond sea, and his pay for those months, amounting to 73*l.* 4*s.*, was not included in the warrant. It also appeared that he was paid at Guidon, 43 days of that time, at 20*s.* a day. Dated 1 May 1699.

Minuted:—"28 June '99. Speak with Mr. Abbott when he comes next." 1 *page.*

May 1. 4. "Establishment of the pay of our standing forces and garrisons in our ancient kingdome of Scotland, at 336 days in the year, commencing the first of May 1699, in the eleventh year of our reign." 7 *pages.*

May 2. 5. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, as to certain complaints made about Captain Crosse of the "Dovor," and Captain Caldwell of the "Anglesey." Dated 2 May '99.

There is a minute on the dorse, finishing:—"If their Lops are satisfied by the examinations of the Comtee, or their own, that this gent. is innocent, they have no further objection against the employing him againe." 1½ *pages.*

May 2. 6. Memorial of the victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury. The course of payments was fourteen months behind. There were several bills of exchange to pay from Ireland. Beside the first bills drawn by Admiral Aylmer, there was a bill for 7,001*l.* drawn by him; also respecting provisions for soldiers at Newfoundland. They pray for the assignment of moneys. Dated 2 May 1699. 1 *page.*

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May 2. 7. Report of Mr. Charles Twitty to the Lords of the Treasury. By their Lordships' commands, he had reported a true state of Mr. Peter's case, whose demands amounted to 17,094*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*, which report was returned to him for re-consideration; expresses his opinion that he deserved their Lordships' compassion, having incurred so great a debt, by the raising of new moneys to satisfy the issues directed on Mr. Palmes's office in clipped moneys. Without their Lordships allowed him his prime loss, amounting to 7,445*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, he would be ruined. Dated 2 May 1699.

The "case" referred to, *minuted:*—"27 Feb. '98. To be re-referr'd to Mr. Twitty," and four other papers, one of which is *minuted:*—"Read 28 7br. 1698. Look out the petition and report on w^ch^ the 3,000^li^ was granted."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 132, 30 May 1699, is:—"M^r^ John Peter's case & M^r^ W^m^ Palmes petiĉon read. The King can do nothing in this." 9 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 3. 8. Warrant signed "Pere Bertie," signifying the King's pleasure, to Charles Godfrey, Esq., Master of the Jewel-house, for the delivery to Sir Charles Cottrell, Knt., Master of the ceremonies, of a medal and chain of the value of 100*l.*, to be delivered to Mons. Saan, Secretary to the Sieur Vanden Bronde, Sieur de Cleverskerke, Ambassador Extraordinary from the States of Holland. Countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury. 3 May 1699. 1 *page.*

May 3. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Woodhouse, master of the ship "Alexander," who had infringed the navigation laws by hiring Scotchmen to navigate his vessel, "who, unless habituating in England, are not to be accounted English;" begging a *noli prosequi;* recommending him as an object of compassion, he having been previously cast away in a voyage from Norway upon the coast of Holland, in a late storm, and his ship being regularly manned. Dated 3 May 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed. W^t^ signed 30^th^ June 1699."

(Two enclosures.) 4 *pages.*

May 3. 10. Report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr. William Blathwayt to the King, concerning what would "be necessary for clothing of the souldiers of the 7,000 men," and for enabling the officers of the Guards to pay for their clothing; and as to the off-reckonings amounting to 36,434*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* Dated 3 May 1699. 3 *pages (much decayed).*

[? About May 3.] 11. Petition of Elizabeth Jones to the Lords of the Treasury, for restoration of certain cocoa-nuts brought over by her from Barbadoes. Rec^d^ 3^d^ May '99.

Minuted:—"28 June 1699. Read and rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About May 3.] 12. Report of the Committee to whom the petition of John Hackwill, Alexander Gamble, and divers others, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the regiment of horse, lately commanded by

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1699. Brigadier Villiers, now by Major-General Levison, was referred; recommending the raising of 2,222*l.* to pay them. Rec[d] 3 May '99.
Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

[About May 4.] 13. Petition of the two secondaries and the other sworn clerks in the office of the King's Remembrancer, showing that there was an ancient fee of 4*l.* *per ann.* to each of the secondaries, which was in arrear 64*l.* for eight years, ended Lady-day 1699; there was also due a fee of 15*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* payable to the same, and other sworn clerks, every second year, on which there was an arrear of 61*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the same period; praying for a warrant to receive them.
Also a certificate bearing out the petition, signed Chr. Montague. Dated 2 May 1699.
"Rec[d] 4[th] May '99." 2 *pages.*

May 8 to Jan. 4, 1699–1700. 14. Letters from the Lords Justices of Ireland, reports of the Com[rs] of Revenue for Ireland and other papers connected therewith, concerning the estates of Sir Valentine and Sir Nicholas Browne, commonly called Viscount Kenmare, in the counties of Kerry, Limerick, Cork, Wexford, Wicklow, and City of Dublin, which were granted by letter, dated 25 April 1696, to Lord Bellomont for 1,000 years, and by him redemised to Sir Charles Porter, the then Lord Chancellor, and others, for 999 years, for the uses mentioned in that letter; in which they were empowered, as lessees, to demise the same or any part for any number of years, and at the most improved rent that could be had; whereupon they granted a lease of part of the estate to Mr. Blener Hassett and Mr. Rogers, after which other proposals were made by Daniel O'Bryan and Sir Wm. King, offering a greater rental, about which disputes ensued. Dated between 8 May 1699 and 4 Jan. 1699–1700. Some of the papers relate to the value of the woods on the estate, and others to a pension of 400*l.* *per ann.* to Hellen Lady Kenmare, wife of the said Sir Nicholas Browne.
Amongst the above is one entitled:—
"Proposals of John 'Blener-hassett' and George Rogers, Esquires, for encourageing a linnen manufactury at Killarney, in the county of Kerry, and planting Protestants there." (*Printed.*)
In one of them the estate is described as "consisting of very strong holts & formerly a receptacle for torys, rapparees, and disaffected persons," and advises that it should be wholly planted with Protestants.
The following three minutes are in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 141, 13 June 1699, in relation to these estates:—
(1.) "M[r] South & M[r] Roberts. The former saies the estates of Lord Kinmare & S[r] Valentine Browne did not make 1,000[li] a year; the Lords Justices directed the Com[rs] of ye Revenue to receive proposals, and directed them not to sell it by cant; because then Irish Papists might gett in. They acted purely by direction of the Lords Justices."
(2.) p. 143, 16 June 1699:—
"M[r] Roberts & M[r] South with M[r] Pursell & al., & M[r] Savage,

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one of the Trustees for the estates of Kinmare & Browne. M Savage saies the Trustees were ignorant of the value. The Lords Justices sent for ye Com^rs of ye Revenue and informed themselves of ye value, and the Lords Justices made the agreem^t w^th Hasset & Rogers, and directed the Trustees, w^th the Com^rs of Revenue, to make the lease; but ye K. or Lords Justices are no partys to ye lease. M^r Purcell saies Protestant tenants will readily take it at 3,000^li a year. This lease was made about 6 months agoe. M^r South saies there never was any estate sett in this manner. Write to my Lords Justices that my Lords are surprised at setting the estates in this manner, without publique cant, and for so long a term, when it's plaine it might be sett for a greater rent, and this being done contrary to ye direction of the King's letter, who is *cestique trust.* My Lords desire them to take effectual care that the lease be sett aside."

(3.) p. 213, 10 Nov. 1699:—

"Lords Justices letters concerning the estates of S^r Valentine & S^r Nich^o Browne and the letter from Com^rs of ye Revenue are read. The King orders the opinions of M^r Attor. & M^r Soll^r to be sent to ye Lords Justices, who (if the estate be underlett) are to use such meanes that Hassett & Rogers may be induced to make some increase of their rent." [60 *pages or parts of pages.*]

May 10. 15. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the late Commissioners of the Leeward Islands, concerning 613*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*, the amount due to them for the subsistence of Col. Holt's regiment in the Leeward Islands; offering no objection to the payment of the same. Dated 10 May 1699.

Also the memorial.

There is the following entry in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 180, 28 Sept. 1699:—"M^r Cary for subs. of Holt's reg^t to be p^d 613. 10. 1. after the sum of 1,100 & odd pounds to Lew^t Coll. Duncan shalbe p^d out of hackney coach mony." 2 *pages.*

May 10. 16. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hall, distiller, for the prosecution against him to be discharged; he having incurred a penalty of 3,000*l.* by distilling from malt: giving their opinion that if the petitioner paid off the duties charged on low wines and spirits by him distilled, he might be a fit object of compassion. Dated 10 May 1699. (Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"19^th Apr. 1700, agree w^th the report. W^t signed." 3 *pages.*

[About May 10.] 17. Petition of Lieut. John Fenwick to the King, praying for 149*l.* as the King's royal bounty, which sum the petitioner had expended in the recovery of his health, he having served the King 18 years in the regiment commanded by Brigadier Selvyn, and then retired without any provision, &c. Rec^d 10 May '99.

Minuted:—"Read 24 May 1699. My Lords can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

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1699. [About May 11.] 18. Petition of William Briggs to the Lords of the Treasury, for a watchman's or noon waiter's place in the Custom-house. Rec^{d} 11 May '99.
Minuted:—"11 Oct. '99. Rejected." (One enclosure.) 2 *pages.*

May 12. 19. An exactly similar estimate of the debt of the navy to that of the previous 17 Jan. (See Vol. LIX., 17.) Dated 12 May 1699. Also,
An account of what money, Exchequer bills, malt lottery tickets, and tallies, remained in the treasurer of the navy's hands, on 31 March 1699. 3 *pages.*

May 15. 20. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, as to moneys voted by the Irish Parliament for barracks, asking for the King's directions for issuing 33,000*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* for completing the work. The regiments commanded by Brigadier Fairfax, Col. Colenbine, and Sir Beville Greenville (which arrived when the King was in Holland) were subsisted by Mr. Blathwayt at the King's pleasure, as well as the five late French regiments: they desire proper orders for the payments for the same. Dated 15 May 1699. 1 *page.*

May 15. 21. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Wood Powell, who had incurred a penalty of 500*l.*, for which the prosecutor had compounded with him, and was to receive 110*l.* for his share; they express the opinion that he had suffered sufficient punishment, if the King's part were remitted. Dated 15 May 1699. (One enclosure.)
Minuted:—"Agreed to the report."
There is a similar minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 119, 16 May 1699. 2 *pages.*

May 16. 22. Copy of a report from the Com^{rs} of the Admiralty, on the petition of Sir Isaac Rebow, Knt., vice-admiral of the county of Essex; praying to be reimbursed the charges he had been at the last three years of the late war, in raising seamen for the King's service; admitting his services: submitting the case to the King. Dated 16 May 1699. 1 *page.*

May 16. 23. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury. Since he had received their Lordships' commands, he had again treated with Mr. Addison about the forfeited houses in the Savoy, and having in his report of 15 Feb. valued the King's interest at 440*l.* (besides what he was informed the King allowed the Lutheran congregation, viz., 150*l.*), he proposed to the petitioner a grant of the premises, according to that valuation, which he refused; the petitioner was the first discoverer of these houses; the premises were much injured by the violence of the common people on the late Revolution; the petitioner affirmed that a considerable part thereof was ever since the forfeiture made use of for a laboratory, and another part by a sutler, without rent; so that a great part of the repairs, estimated by Sir Chr. Wren at 106*l.* and 40*l. per ann.*

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to keep them wind and water tight, had, with the annual taxes, exceeded the rents received for some of the houses when let: he found that [the petitioner] had paid to the chaplains of the Savoy 191*l.* 15*s.* for rent and law charges, part of which rent became due at the time the premises were made use of for a prison, when the petitioner had no profit; for which reasons his opinion was that it was not unreasonable to agree with the petitioner for a grant of the King's interest in the premises for 200*l.*, &c. Dated 16 May 1699.

Accompanied by (1.) A receipt for money laid out by the said Addison. (2.) The former report referred to. (3.) The petition referred to. (4.) A warrant appointing the said Addison to take possession of the premises, on a plan annexed. (5.) The said plan. (6.) Warrant in ejectment. (7.) A declaration signed C. Isaac, that he would not obstruct the obtaining the grant. (8.) Another report by the Surveyor-General on the same subject; dated 23 March 1695–6. (9.) Mr. Thos. Addison's case, and divers papers about the repairs. (10.) Another petition of Addison on the same subject, referred to the surveyor on 27 April 1695. (11.) Copy of the petition of Charles Isaac, for a lease of some of the premises, viz., the Jesuits' college, chapel, &c., a letter of H. Killigrew to the Surveyor-General, and (12) a report of the said Surveyor-General on the said petition. Dated 23 March 1695–6. 20 *pages and* 5 *half pages, besides the plan.*

[? About May 16.] 24. A brief account of clothing and other accoutrements furnished by several persons for his Grace the Duke of Schonberg's regiment, from 1 Jan. 1691–2 to 31 Dec. 1697; as also a computation of the off-reckonings for that time.

Minuted:—"16 May 1699. Read. A copy to be sent to Lord Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

[About May 17.] 25. Petition of Judith Hawley, for an allowance for the maintenance and education of her four children; her husband, Col. Francis Hawley, having been killed in the King's service at the battle of Stanekirk.

Minuted:—"Read 17 May '99. When any occasion offers the K. will provide for her."

Another petition from her in the same terms.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Oct. 1699. She is considered in ye list for officers widdows." 2 *pages.*

[About May 17.] 26. Petition of George Boothe to the King, seeking that His Majesty would accept his surrender of a pension of 600*l.* a year, out of the tenths of the clergy, for seven years, and grant him the same amount for 21 years. Recd 17 May '99.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 120, 17 May 1699, is:—"George Booth, Esq., for a further term in his pencion. Respited." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 17. 27. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Nash, commander of the smack in the

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service of the Customs at Gravesend, praying the allowance of 30*l.*, which he had expended in the public service; admitting the truth of his demands. Dated 17 May 1699.

Minuted:—"A warrant for this." (One enclosure.) 2 *pages.*

May 17. 28. Representation by the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, nearly to the same effect as that of 2 May; praying that moneys might be assigned.

Accompanied by an "account of provisions shippt on board the "Union" and "Benjamine," for soldiers at St. John's, Newfoundland." Dated 17 May 1699. 2 *pages.*

May 17. 29. Report of Com^rs^ for Glass Duties, concerning the sale of paper condemned and forfeited, belonging to Mr. John Degraves. Dated Glass Office, May 17, 1699. (One enclosure.) 2 *pages.*

May 17. 30. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the general officers and regiment of guards of the Danish forces, late in His Majesty's service, as to the amount (6,594*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*) due to them: also as to 2,116*l.* claimed by the Duke of "Wirtenbergh." Dated 17 May 1699.

Two enclosures, one of which contains the "state of the acc^t^ of the Danish Guards, to the 18^th^ of Dec^r^ 1697," and the "state of the acco^t^ of pay to the Danish gen^ll^ officers." 7 *pages.*

May 17. 31. Copy of the petition referred to in the last report and of the report itself. Dated 17 May 1699. 2½ *pages.*

May 18. 32. An Order in Council, referring to the Lords of the Treasury the petition of the innholders, victuallers, and other poor inhabitants of Dartmouth, Kingsware, Brixham, and other parts adjacent to Torbay, who prayed that their debt of 1,500*l.* and upwards, for entertaining sick and wounded seamen, might be paid. Dated 18 May 1699.

Minuted:—"27 June '99. My L^ds^ will make provision for this & y^e^ other debts, rel[ative] to y^e^ sick & wounded seamen, as soon as they are enabled."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

May 18. 33. Order in Council, on the petition and case of John Writtle, mariner, [who had been employed in gaining intelligence of the intended invasion in 1695, having been brought up in the owling trade, which he had abandoned, and had employed himself in bringing others in that trade to justice; after which he was employed as commander of the King's sloop the "Brilliant," but was dismissed]. Recommending him to the Lords of the Treasury for some better employment than that he then held, viz., master of the "St. George," a Custom-house smack. Dated 18 May 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Jun. 1699. My Lords can doe nothing upon this."

Three petitions, and copies of four other documents relating thereto. 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

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May 18. 34. Memorial of the Earl of Albemarle to the Lords of the Treasury. He had received 12,000*l.*, expended in three years on account of His Majesty's robes, and there was another full year due on 4 May last, for which the tradesmen were very pressing. Prays an order for 4,000*l.*, and for the settlement of 1,000*l.* a quarter for the use of the office of the Robes. Dated 18 May 1699.
Minuted :—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

[? About May 18.] 35. Petition of Jane Marritt, widow, to the King. By the demolition of the King's palace at York, first by Mr. Robt. Waller, and since by his heirs, she was deprived of her house; she hopes to receive a blessing from His Majesty, and to be enabled to return to her family at York. Rec[d] 18 May 1699.
Referred 15 June 1699, by the Lords Justices, to the Lords of the Treasury, to make her such allowance as they judged fit.
Minuted :—"Read 22 June 1699. My Lords do not see any cause for any allowance to be made to ye pet[r] out of the King's mony." 1 *page.*

[About May 19]. 36. Petition of several persons interested in the Royal Oak lottery, in behalf of themselves and others. The present patentees of lotteries had a patent for the free exercise of the Royal Oak and all lotteries for eleven years; they pay 4,200*l.* yearly for the same; other persons were prohibited to exercise the same. They pray their Lordships to order the suppression of a lottery under the same name, carried on by one Gardner, pretending to serve one Elecar. Recd 19 May '99.
Minuted :—"Leave them to the law." 1 *page.*

May 20. 37. Memorial of some one who signs with a monogram, to the Lords of the Treasury. There were several commissioners for the last aid, for raising 1,484,015*l.*, who would gladly serve the King and Government therein, but conceived they could not do so without a summons from the sheriff, for a general meeting, which, for various reasons, set down under seven clauses, they thought necessary. Dated 20 May '99. 1 *page.*

May 20. 38. Letter signed T. Done, to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., showing what sums had been imprested to Sir Wm. Stapleton, Knt., Governor of the Leeward Islands, as found by a search in the General Imprest Rolls. Dated 20 May 1699.
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 124, 23 May 1699, is :—"My Lords order that the heires & executors of S[r] W[m] Stapylton be prosecuted by M[r] Henry Baker, to render an acc[o] of 27,393. 4. 9., imprested to S[r] W[m] for ye companys formerly in the Leward islands, and that he be dilligent in the prosecucon, pursuant to ye King's comand." 1 *page.*

May 22. 39. Report of R. Barker, D[eputy] to the King's Rem[embrancer], addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Tho. Carew, Esq. All such moneys as were due to the King, at the time

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of the death of Henry Carew, Esq., were paid by his executor, the said Thomas Carew, Esq., into the receipt of the Exchequer, and he had a *quietus* for the same; and the said deputy was of opinion that the bonds of Henry Carew, and his sureties, might be delivered up. Dated 22 May 1699.

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 22. 40. Report of Lord Coningsby, on the memorial of Col. Charles Ross, complaining of several hardships that he and his officers lay under, "in respect to the commencement of the first Irish establishment, the money paid to the reduced men, and of the placing the sum of 500*l.* paid him, on his own pay, since the commencement of that establishment." Dated 22 May 1699.

Also two enclosures, viz., copy of the Lords Justices' report and the memorial referred to. 3 *pages.*

May 23. 41. "A state of salary's and other allowances, due to the servants of His Mat^ts^ houshold and stables, for half a year, at Midsummer 1698, w^ch^ are to attend His Mat^y^ this present expedition, *anno* 1699; payable by the cofferer." Dated 23 May 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 127, 24 May 1699, is this entry:—"The servants that go w^th^ the King, and *have not* riding wages, are to have halfe a yeare's salary now, and half a year more about three months hence." Again:—those "who *have* riding wages are to have half a year's salary now." 3 *pages.*

May 24. 42. Letter from Mr. Chas. Bertie to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining of Mr. Hewitt, deputy auditor to Mr. Aldworth, who refused to deliver out the particular of the manor of East and West Deeping, in the county of Lincoln, though he had offered 5*l.* as a fee, pretending to an exorbitant fee of 22 years' standing; praying for redress. Dated 24 May 1699.

Accompanied by a schedule of the fees due to the auditor, on which is the following *minute*:—"Desire my Lord Chief Baron to informe my Lords whether these fees are due."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 134, 6 June 1699, is:—"Cha. Bertie, Esq., his charge ag^t^ M^r^ Hewet is read. M^r^ Hewet saies there is 22 years fees due to him, or aud^r^ Aldworth, for ye *debet, debentur,* & *quietus,* at 11*l. p ann.* at Mich^s^ 1698, am^ting^ to 12^li^ 2^sh^. Desire my Lord Chief Baron to informe my Lords whether these fees are due." 1½ *pages.*

May 24. 43. Memorial of the Victuallers, sending copy of the memorial of the 17th of May. They had received a declaration for 5,000 men for 13 months, and of the cost of 27 bullocks, amounting to 319*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, provided by order of Admiral Aylmer. They pray for moneys to be assigned. Dated 24 May 1699. 1¼ *pages.*

May 24. 44. [Copy of] report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to a previous presentment, in which were extracts of letters from Col. Nicholson, late Governor of Maryland, Mr. Randolph, Surveyor-General of Customs in His Majesty's

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plantations, and from Col. Robt. Quarry, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, in the province of Pennsylvania; stating that the Com^rs of Customs intended that the papers should be laid before the Council of Trade, for their decision, whether Mr. Markham should be removed, or otherwise proceeded against, for acting as Governor of Pennsylvania, without the King's allowance and approbation, &c. Also, whether an Act for preventing frauds, &c. in trade, within the province of Pennsylvania, was contrary to the laws of England. Praying that another vessel might be provided for the guard of the mouth of the Delaware river, instead of the "Swift" frigate, lately cast away. Dated 24 May 1699.

Minuted:—"Done." 1½ *pages.*

[About May 24.] 45. Petition of Walter Aldey, gent., to the King. Robert Adams, of the parish of Portscuit, in the county of Monmouth, yeoman, had been executed for murder, and his estate forfeited. Prays for the grant of the estate, he having had to part with it, through misfortune, to the said Adams. Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 24 May 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 30 Ap. 1700. Ref. to M^r Surv^r to examine the nature & value of y^e estate, & to report." 1 *page.*

May 25. 46. Order in Council, approving of a proposal for settling the salary of the Treasurer of the Navy, and of his instruments and clerks, viz.:—The treasurer, 2,000*l.*; the paymaster, 500*l.*; nine clerks, 560*l.*; the accountant, 400*l.*; four other clerks, 240*l.* In all 3,700*l. per ann.* Also approving of some minor details for payment of them. Dated 25 May 1699. 1 *page.*

May 27. 47. Presentment showing that the appraisement of goods seized, realised less than the public sale of the same by inch of candle; more particularly a parcel of wine and brandy seized in the port of Colchester, appraised at 853*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, and afterwards sold by public sale at 1,840*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*; inquiring what should be done with the difference. Dated 27 May 1699.

Minuted:—"This money ought to be pd. into the Exchequer." (Two enclosures.) 4 *pages.*

May 29. 48. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending copy of a letter by the Duke of Bolton and the Earl of Galway, and a petition of the Protestant refugees settled at Cork, for a grant of a forfeited house in that city, valued at about 10*l. per ann.*, for them to meet in, for divine service (the original letter and papers having been lost.) Dated 29 May 1699.

Minuted:—"28 June '99. Enquire if this be not don already, if not, to be ld before ye King, at His Ma^ts return." 3½ *pages.*

May 30. 49. Report of Mr. Philip Ryley, on the petition of Capt. Sha, keeper of the great lodge in the Forest of Salcey, in the county of Northampton, as to timber, and money required for repairing the barns, &c. there. Dated 30 May 1699.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 2 *pages.*

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1699. [About May 30.] 50. Petition of John Evans, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords of the Admiralty had treated with him for the purchase of his two houses adjoining their office at Wallingford House, and the petitioner having let one of them at a ground rent, contracted (at their Lordships' desire) for buying in the said lease, obliging himself to pay a considerable sum; and in the previous November they had agreed to give the petitioner 2,100*l.* for the said houses; urging payment.

"Rec^{d} 30th May '99."

Minuted:—"28 June '99. My L^{ds} cannot alter y^{e} paym^{t} in course, nor intermeddle in this matter." 1 *page.*

[? About May 30.] 51. An incomplete report [probably of the Surveyor-General] to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Richard Cull, gent.; finding that the manors of Rosedale in Yorkshire, and of Crowland, Hogsthorp, Barton, Barrow, and Gouxhill, in the county of Lincoln, (the reversion of all which was desired by the petitioner) were made part of the jointure of the Queen dowager, being valued at the clear value as follows:—Rosedale, 130*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*; Crowland, 99*l.* 18*s.*; Hogsthorp, 63*l.* 1*s.* 9½*d.*; Barton upon Humber, 81*l.* 5*s.* 8½*d.*; Barrow, 108*l.* 14*s.* 10¼*d.*; Gouxhill, 29*l.* 13*s.* 10¾*d.*; in all 512*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*, and if passed to the petitioner for 99 years from the Queen's death, might be valued at 6,650*l.*, being nearly 13 years' purchase. The leaseholds, which could be leased for 31 years, for the said term were valued at six years' purchase, viz., 14,000*l.* He presumed the other part of the petitioner's request was for the profits of the aulnage for 99 years after the Duchess of Richmond's life, which was desired about two years before by the Earl of Jersey, on which he [the Surveyor] made a report dated 20 May 1697.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 132, 30 May 1699, is:—"Surv^{rs} report for Rich^{d} Cull is to be considered by my Lords, and a warrant to be prepared for what my Lords think the King can do, and to send it to the King to be signd." 2 *pages* (*the remainder lost*).

May 31. 52. Letter from the Earl of Jersey to the Lords of the Treasury. The King's pleasure was to allow 400*l.* to Mr. Hill, his envoy extraordinary at Brussels, who was to go in the like character to the Duke of Savoy with congratulations on the birth of the prince of Piedmont. Dated 31 May 1699.

Minuted:—"S. M. for this to be sent to ye K. W^{t} signd." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 31. 53. Order in Council on the petition of divers merchants and traders to New York, from the city of London, setting forth that their factors and other correspondents, residing at New York, were bondsmen in 10,000*l.* for Col. Benjn. Fletcher, late Governor of New York; that he should be answerable for what public money should appear to be converted by him to his own use; and praying that the bond might be cancelled, for that Col. Fletcher had been in England almost twelve months; ordering that this petition and the

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deposition of Chidley Brook, late collector of New York, be referred to the Lords of the Treasury, to report thereon. Dated 31 May 1699.

The petition and deposition.

Minuted:—"Read 20 Jun. '99. My Lords do not think it reasonable to disch[a] this bond till Brook's acco[ts] are finished." 4 *pages.*

May 31. 54. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rochford, wherein he desired a grant of the reversion in fee of houses in various streets [on the north side of Piccadilly] forming part of the manor or bailiwick of St. James's, which grant included (as the surveyor took it) all the land heretofore called the Round Rundles, the Dog Yard, and Swallow Field. Dated ult. May 1699.

Also the petition. 3½ *pages.*

May 31. 55. Petition of John Macculloch to the Lords of the Treasury. Various sums, amounting to 181*l.* 6*s.*, were due to him, from the officers named in an accompanying list, belonging to regiments under the command of Brigadiers Fairfax and Tiffin, the Earl of Orkney, the Lord Strathnaver, Major-Gen. Ramsay, and Col. Robert Murray, and the petitioner expected that the sums would have been paid out of the first money payable for subsistence, as was promised; but the money had been due nearly three years: praying that the amount might be stopped in the Earl of Ranelagh's office, and that the petitioner might receive the same, without the trouble of soliciting either colonels or agents any longer. Ult. May 1699.

Minuted:—"28 June '99. Ref. to E. Ranelagh."

Also the said list. 2 *pages.*

May [ ]. 56. Report of the Com[rs] for Glass Duties, on the petition of John Dilley; certifying that he was collector of the duties on tobacco pipes, earthenware, paper, &c., in the city of Coventry, and was unable to pay the 61*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*, for which he was a debtor. Dated May [ ] 1699. (One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"11[th] Oct. '99. M[r] Lowndes to inspect y[e] act, & to inform my Lds. if they have power to remitt this debt." 2 *pages.*

[After May 1699.] 57. "Tallies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy for paying the debt of the victualling before y[e] 31 May 1699," viz.:—

On the 4[th] 4[s] aid dated 17 Feb. 1695–6 at 6 *per c[t].*

Do. 11 March 1695–6 at 6 *p. c[t].*

On salt, dated 23 Febry 1696–7 at 7 *per c[t].* 1 *sheet.*

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June 1. 1. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Duke of St. Alban's, as to the grant of the duties on logwood, adverse to the grant of the same: together with the petition and another enclosure entitled "Accompt of the customes of logwood in London & the out ports for six years."
The report is dated 1 June 1699.
Minuted:—"Read 16 Ap. 1700. My Lords concurr in opinion with ye Com^rs of Customs." 5 *pages.*

[About June 1.] 2. Petition to the King by Randolph Knipe and Messrs. Meyer and Beremberg, of London, merchants, on behalf of Christopher Vankochin, John Clayhills, and others, subjects of the King of Sweden, part owners of the ship "Fortune" of Narva, whereof John Russell, an Englishman (but a free burgher of Narva aforesaid), was master; which ship was forfeited for a breach of the navigation laws, it having been employed to fetch masts, timber, &c. from Norway: praying the King to grant them his part of the forfeiture. Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 1 June 1699.
Other papers relating thereto. 7 *pages.*

June 2. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Sandwell, master of the ship "Floyer," for a *noli prosequi*, he having infringed the navigation laws: recommending the remission of the forfeiture. Dated 2 June 1699.
Minuted:—"Agreed. W^t signed 30 June 1699."
(Two enclosures.) 4 *pages.*

June 2. 4. Letter of the Duke of Schonburg and Leinster, accompanied by a petition of the Baron D'Antraques, whose small pension was two years in arrear; entreating their Lordships to give directions for the payment thereof, that he might go to Geneva for the recovery of his sight. Dated 2 June 1699.
Minuted:—"Read 9 June 1699. There is no m^o for arrears." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 5. 5. Representation by the Com^rs for Appeals and regulating the Duties of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, craving their Lordships' allowance of various sums paid for performing the business of appeals, and their direction to the Com^rs of the Revenues of Excise to pay the same. Dated 5 June 1699.
Minuted:—"A warr^t to pay this as an incid^t." 2 *pages.*

[? About June 5.] 6. Report of William Vanbrugh to the Lords of the Tressury, on the petition of Mr. Herbert, His Majesty's clockmaker, for payment of his bill of 293*l.* [It appears that a watch was allowed to each of the pages of the bedchamber every third year by ancient custom.]
Also the petition.

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Minuted:—"5 June '99. Mr Vanburgh to certifie particularly what is due to the petr, & for what services, & to acqt my Lords how often the watches have been furnished."

Again:—"22 June '99. Speak wth Mr Vanburgh, & if the prices of ye watches are not risen, my Lords will now pay the 293li." 2 *pages.*

June 8. 7. An answer of Sir John Hawles [Solicitor-General], to a query submitted to him, viz., whether the King had sufficient power in law to grant away or dispose of his share of all prizes taken by his men-of-war or privateers? affirming that the King had that power. Dated 8 June 1699. 1 *page.*

June 10. 8. Presentment of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury. Several surveyors and officers in the London Brewery, reputed as men of skill, laid down their commissions all together in the year 1695, as it was conceived, to inconvenience the revenue for want of their service; their Lordships to resent their misbehaviour ordered them not to be restored without their particular directions; since which they had begged to be again employed, expressing their sorrow for their misbehaviour. The Comrs had lately detected great corruption amongst the officers of the London Brewery, and dismissed several; and they then desired their Lordships' permission to make trial of such of the former officers as they (the Comrs) thought fit; they having promised to make great discoveries of negligence and mismanagement. Dated 10 June 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 145, 20 June 1699, is:—"Comrs of Excise. Their presentmt concerning the officers who were prohibited to be imployed by the order of 28 Aug. 1695, is read. My Lords give permission that ye Comrs may make trial of such of ye said officers as they shall think fitt, notwithstanding the said order." 1 *page.*

June 10. 9. Report of the same to the same, asking for a warrant of exemption from the aid of 3*s.* in the pound for all officers in the Excise office, whose salaries were less than 100*l. per ann.* Dated 10 June 1699.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

June 10. 10. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the agents of the three French regiments of foot, disbanded in Ireland; stating that there was due for pay to those regiments 1,196*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Dated 10 June 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 20 June 1699. My Lords can allow no other pay, but what was upon the establishment." 2 *pages.*

[? About June 10.] 11. Petition of Thomas Bourne, aged above 74 years, praying that the remainder of his debt (734*l.*) might be paid, in order that he might be released from prison, and his family preserved from ruin. 60,000*l.* had been appointed by Parliament for the payment of that and other sums.

Minuted:—"10 June '99. The 60,000*l.* appointed by Act of Parliament is duely applyd, & Mr Leg had no part of it, because he

1699. did not take the oaths: but my L^ds do order him 10^li in ch^ty." 1 *page.*

[? About June 10.] 12. Petition of William Hiller, of Weston Birt, in the county of Gloucester, yeoman, tythingman, and sole collector of the poll tax, who complained that Samuel Broadhurst, clerk, rector of that parish, refused to pay for his own and his wife's poll, and on the 19th of May 1699, he distrained his goods, when the rector laid violent hands on him, and on pretence that he had formerly neglected his duty, he was arrested and kept in the common gaol, bail being refused: praying that he might be set at liberty, and have lawful protection, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 10 June 1699. My L^ds have no power to intermeddle in this matter, but y^e pet^r must seek his remedy at law." 1 *page.*

June 12. 13. Copy of Order in Council, the petition of the Earl of Antrim, and two other papers, with the following *minute* indorsed, which is indeed the report of the Lords of the Treasury thereon, viz.:—

"12 June '99. My L^ds read all y^e papers concerning y^e Earle of Antrim's quit rent, & upon consideration of y^e letters of y^e L^ds Justices & of ye Com^rs of y^e Revenue of Irel^d, their Lopp^s are of opinion y^t nothing ought to be don in Engl^d to stop y^e legal proceedings in Irel^d, but y^t y^e matter be determined by due course of law there."

This minute is also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 139, 12 June 1699. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 12. 14. Report signed "W^m Aldworth," to the Lords of the Treasury, with abstracts of the accounts of James Herbert, Esq., receiver-general for prizes, annexed, from 1 June 1689 to 29 Sept. 1693, and other accounts of later date. Dated 12 June 1699. 8 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

[? About June 12.] 15. Various papers as to the allowance of 74*l.* 4*s.* disbursed by Richard Bere, late collector of Customs in the port of Carlisle, for the subsistence of 12 Irish soldiers, who were secured (being Papists) in the garrison of Carlisle.

Minuted:—"12 June '99. Referr'd to M^r Abbot, & if he has closed his acc^t to be allow'd it."

There is a minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 149, 23 June 1699, that [the warrant] for 74*l.* 4*s.* for Mr. Bere was to be sent. 8 *pages.*

[? About June 12.] 16. Petition of William Tagg, keeper of the Privy Garden gate, leading to the Cockpit, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. His uncle served in that station for 28 years, and he had served also for five years without salary, and Whitehall being burnt he reaped no benefit from the place, but he had received 10*l.* as bounty from their Lordships; praying an order for a salary or some other employment.

Minuted:—"12 June '99. Keeper of ye house & gardens at Whitehall to make ye pet^r a fit allowance." 1 *page.*

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June 13. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Burdyn Anderson, gent., who had imported a parcel of gold lace and fringe, a parcel of ribbon, a sword knot and shoulder knot, some necklaces, and other things; some of which were sent as a present to the Duchess of Norfolk: which goods were seized: informing their Lordships that the common course upon compositions was, for the officer to have one third, the King one third, and the proprietor one third; but that the composition would not amount to near the value of the Custom. Dated 13 June 1699.

Minuted:—"My Lords do not think fitt to give reliefe in this matter"

(Three enclosures.) 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 13. 18. Presentment of the same to the same, recommending 40*l.* to be paid to Mr. Cole, the collector of Cowes, for his care and industry in bringing the goods in the "Thiley" sloop, of Dunkirk, to entry, and 70*l.* to James Imber, chief officer in the boat at Hurst, in the port of Cowes, for similar services, and 7*l.* to William Loup, one of the officers of Poole. Dated 13 June 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

(Four enclosures.) 7 *pages.*

June 14. 19. Memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Com^rs of the Treasury, as to obliging persons to take the tallies for payment of their debts in course, and concerning debts which must be paid with ready money, &c.; praying for the issue of moneys. Dated 14 June 1699.

Enclosing:—"A state of the tallyes, &c^a. in the hands of the cashier of the Victualling Office."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 142, 15 June 1699, is:—"Victuall^rs. They make a proposition for applying the tallys and ticq^ts in their hands to the debt of the victualling, w^ch my Lords approve of, and direct ye victuallers to assigne the tallys & ticq^ts appropriated by the clause in the Act for the last Land Tax, pursuant to ye directions of the said Act. 1,000^li out of loanes on ye Land Tax to be issued for ye service of the victuall^t in gen^ll." 3 *pages.*

June 14. 20. Letter signed B. Bridges, to Mr. Powis at the Treasury, on the question whether it had been usual for accountants to be allowed their charges of passing privy seals for issuing money, fees for making out imprest rolls, coach hire, porterage of money, and losses by receiving bad money. Dated 14 June 1699. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About June 16.] 21. Petition of the mayor, aldermen, clergy, gentry, merchants, citizens, and tradesmen of the city of Exeter, for the continuance of the post from Bristol to Wootton-under-Edge, where the post from London into Gloucestershire ends. Referred to the Postmasters-General to consider and report thereon, 16 June 1699.

Also reasons for establishing the same, with numerous signatures.

One of the reasons brought forward was, that from Cirencester to Exeter was about 90 miles, and letters sent from the one place

1699. to the other went at least 220 miles, so that an answer would require a fortnight, and by the carrier it was the same; but if the post were established an answer might be had in four days, and the same might be said of the other towns lying about these stages. 3 *pages.*

[? About June 16.] 22. Petition of the gentry, traders, and inhabitants of the town and borough of Cirencester, in the county of Gloucester, and parts adjacent. The post then ran from London through that town to Wootton-under-Edge, which was within 14 miles of Bristol, and if the same were continued it would be a great advantage; praying them, as in the last petition, to order that that stage might "be erected." Referred to the Postmasters-General 16 June 1699.

This is followed by a great number of signatures, and on the next page the various reasons for granting the boon. 2 *pages and* 3 *lines.*

June 17. 23. Letter of the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the account of the revenue for the year 1698, also a view of the last quarter's revenue ending 25 March 1699, making some remarks on the woollen trade, and recommending Mr. William Broderick to their Lordships, who had been employed by them as their counsel in place of Mr. Reading, deceased. Dated 17 June 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 147, 21 June 1699, is:—"Write to the Lords Justices to recomend M^r Lechmore to be the King's counsell in matters of the revenue of Ireland, and to the Com^rs of the Revenue in Irel^d, that my Lords having heard that the s^d Com^rs (w^thout aq^ting their Lop^s) have putt in one M^r Brodrick to be counsel for ye revenue of Irel^d, of whom my Lords have rec^d a very bad character, as will appear by an extract of a letter from S^r W^m Beeston, Gov^r of Jam^a to M^r Sec. Vernon. My Lords direct them to make choyse of another fitt person for the s^d imploym^t, & to present him to my Lords for their approbation." 1 *page.*

June 17. 24. "Copy of the decleration published for the payment of the debts of the Victualling Office to 1^st June 1699." Dated 17 June 1699. 1 *page.*

June 17. 25. Report of the Com^rs of the Alienation Office to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nicholas Whitaker, concerning 30*l.* borrowed from him by Mr. Courthop; advising that the petitioner should be allowed the same out of the surplusage of the office. Dated 17 June 1699.

Also the petition and a bond.

Minuted:—"28 June '99. To be allow'd. W^t signed 3^d July 1699." 3 *pages.*

June 20. 26. Report of the Officers for Prizes, on the petition of Capt. Peter Piccard, concerning the payment of 700*l.* gunnage for a French man-of-war and French privateer, destroyed by the petitioner. Dated 20 June 1699. 2 *pages.*

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June 20. 27. Letter of Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The Duke of Schonburg had a warrant for his pay as commander-in-chief for the year 1697; his pay as general of horse was also due to him, for which a warrant was to be prepared on a debenture from the Earl of Ranelagh; the King referred it to their Lordships to enable the Earl to comply therewith, as his Grace was about to review the troops, which would be a necessary charge to him. Dated Dieren, $\frac{20}{30}$ June 1699.

Minuted:—"27 June '99. There is no mony provided this year for this service. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About June 20.] 28. Petition of George Porter to the Lords of the Treasury. He was greatly indebted to his avowed enemies, who had obtained judgments, &c. against him, and reduced him to extreme poverty. Beseeches their Lordships to make their report to His Majesty, that something might speedily be done to preserve that life and liberty which His Majesty had so mercifully bestowed upon him.

Minuted:—"Read 20 June 1699. The King, upon his petition, was pleased to give no direction, & my Lords can do nothing in his absence." 1 *page.*

June 22. 29. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, offering to their Lordships the states of account of cash and bills. In the list of the last quarter's salary to the trustees, Sir Joseph Herne was, by mistake, included, but the amount was deducted at the Exchequer. 50,000*l.* were lying in the Exchequer applicable to the cancelling Exchequer bills, for which no bills had been brought in. They craved that some measure might be found that the King might not pay unnecessary interest. Dated 22 June 1699. 1 *page.*

[About June 22.] 30. Memorial of Mr. James Halsey and Alexander Gretton, collectors for the Verge of the Court, representing that they could not levy the arrears of the aids, due from the gentlemen and grooms of the bedchamber, the serjeants, and heralds; except their Lordships would direct the said taxes to be stopped out of their salaries.

Minuted:—"22 Jun. '99. Write a letter to stop these taxes if they are not satisfied already." 2½ *pages.*

[?About June 22.] 31*a*. Petition of Penelope Bolton, widow of Cornelius Bolton, deceased, late a captain in Col. Collingwood's regiment of foot. Her husband served in Ireland and Flanders; and at the siege of Namur he received a hurt from which, in two years, he died at Ghent, leaving the petitioner and four children. Prays for payment of 234*l.* due to her husband.

Accompanied by an account.

Minuted:—"22 Jun. '99. There is no mony this year for this arrear." 3 *pages.*

June 22. 31*b*. Dormant warrant to the Receivers-General and Cashier of of the Customs in favour of John Crispe and Thomas Crisp, Esqrs.

1699. and Sir Nicholas Crispe, Bart, collectors of Customs in the port of London, for payment of their salary of 276*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.* Dated 9 Oct. 1691.

"Intrat xxij die Junii 1699, coram T. Done, audr." 1 *page.*

22 June. 31*c.* Letter of Henry Shales, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury. Mr. Auditor Aldworth refused to produce and deliver up tallies, vouchers, and writings relating to the forfeited estate of the late Lord Viscount Preston. Dated 22 June 1699. ½ *page.*

[? About June 23.] 32. Petition of Sarah Fairbrother, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, for some allowance to preserve her from suffering through want in her old age. Her husband, George Fairbrother, had served the King as lieutenant in the royal regiment of fusileers, and was slain at the battle of Landen, in Flanders.

Minuted:—"23 June '99. Ref. to Mr Clark." 1 *page.*

[? About June 23.] 33. An order to the bailiff and jurats of Seaford to impress 10 able seamen and send them on board the King's ships in the Downs, River Medway, or at Portsmouth.

Minuted as follows:—"Chas. Harrison. 23 June '99. To be p[ai]d five pounds 11s by Mr Tailour, as His Matys bounty, in consideration of his service for impresting seamen." *Again:*—"Pd to Cha. Harrison 5£ 11*s.* 0*d.* 28 Jul. '99."

Also a letter, dated 24 July 1690, relating to impressment of seamen by Geo. West, "in the absence of the Governor of Dovor Castle." 2 *pages.*

[? About June 23.] 34. Petition of John Champante to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that three Comrs were appointed by their Lordships to execute the Office of Alienations; two of whom should attend the dispatch of business. The Comrs were Peregrine Bertie, James Saunderson, and William Glanvill, Esqrs. Mr. Saunderson had the King's leave to travel, and appointed the petitioner to act as Comr, which he did for three years, till Mr. Saunderson's return, who then served as member for Newark, and could not attend the office during the sessions. Mr. Bertie was prevented from attending by the gout; and Mr. Glanvill was very aged. Praying to be appointed as a fourth Comr to avoid delay in passing fines.

Minuted:—"Read 23 June 1699. My Lords cannot grant a reversion, or that wch is the same thing, but he may apply when there is a vacancy." 1 *page.*

[About June 23.] 35. Petition of Joseph Brookesby, brewer, to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth the desirability of having some one or more among the Comrs [? of Excise] who thoroughly understood the brewing trade, and offering himself for the appointment.

Minuted—"23 June '99. My Lds do not apprehend there is anything material in his offer." 1 *page.*

June 24. 36. "Produce of the Excise in five years ended 24 June 1699. A tabular view, year by year." 2½ *pages.*

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June 24. 37. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Oxford, relating to the "Chirurgeon" of the royal regiment of horse, who had been reduced by the King's order of 1 Aug. 1698. The memorial prayed for the restoration of the said surgeon. Dated 24 June 1699.

Minuted:—"27 June '99. My L^{ds} cannot alter w^{t} is settled by ye proclamacon."

Also the memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 38. "Generall account of prizes," being a debtor and creditor account thereof. 24 June 1699. 1 *large page.*

June 26. 39. Letter from the Navy Board to the Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy. The Lords of the Admiralty had sent them a list of the officers discharged from the two late marine regiments, commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir Cloudsley Shovell, who were entitled to half-pay, with directions for them to be allowed the same; and further that they had made an account thereof: they pray that the Lords of the Treasury might be solicited for the same, as the officers were very pressing. Dated 26 June 1699.

Accompanied by a letter from Mr. Reynolds, together with the two lists of officers. 4 *pages.*

June 26. 40. Payments to several regiments for raising recruits, which the King by warrant of 15 March 1692, directed should not be placed to their accounts, &c., with a certificate at the foot by Jas. Moody, deputy of Thomas Done, Esq., auditor, that he did not find any of the sums allowed Mr. Fox and Lord Coningesby in their account (as Paymasters of the Irish forces) for raising recruits for those regiments. Dated 26 June 1699. 1 *page.*

June 26. 41. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The Archbishop of Canterbury had communicated a letter of the Bishop of Dublin and Bishop of Clogher, relating to a library keeper at Dublin, to the King, who referred the part relating to an allowance of 200*l.* a year to the said library keeper, out of the first fruits and twentieth parts of that kingdom, to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Loo, 6 July 1699, N.S. [*i.e.* 26 June].

Minuted:—"To have 200^{li} a yeare from Midsm^{r} during pleasure, provided that if the treasurership or chancellorship of the cathedrall church of S^{t} Patrick becomes voyd, this pension to cease." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 6 and 27. 42. An information of Thomas Addison to the Lords of the Treasury. For want of a commission of inquiry, to find and seize the late Jesuits' houses in the Savoy, trials had been brought and a verdict passed against some of them, and to preserve possession until a commission could be issued out, or a bill be brought in the Exchequer, to assert His Majesty's interest. The informer (as advised) had brought a writ of error, and prayed their Lordships' directions and encouragement therein. Dated 27 June 1699.

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Accompanied by another information of the said Addison on the same subject. Dated 6 June 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 8 June 1699. In case Mr Addison will forthwth pay the money agreed by Mr Survr for ye premisses, and be at the charge of defending the title, my Lords will give direction to the King's counsell to give their assistance, and to appeare in ye cause." 2½ *pages.*

June 27. 43. Letter of Andrew Clayton, an excise officer, arrested by order of the Comrs of Excise, addressed to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, asking his assistance to get him discharged from prison, ascribing his trouble to his brother Robert, who went beyond the sea, to the ruin of them all. Dated 27 [June ?] 1699.

Minuted:—"27 June 1699. The Comrs are to proceed for recovery of ye debt, and if there be errors in the account, he has liberty to send any person to rectifie them." 2 *pages.*

[About June 27.] 44. Memorial of the Apothecaries to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them "to order paymt of 2,500li due to them from the Comrs of Sick & Wounded, seeing they cannot now be paid what is reported due to them in the Earl of Ranelagh's office." Recd 27 June 1699. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About June 27.] 45. Memorial of John Hammond of the Palace at Kensington, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. He had been at great expenses and pains in cleaning the Treasury chamber at Kensington, together with the clerks' room, from 6 Oct. 1696 (His Majesty then returning from Holland) to 24 April 1697, when he went again thither, being 35 days of their Lordships' sitting there; as also for 30 days, from 17 Nov. 1697 to 19 July 1698, in all 65 days; craving an allowance for the same.

Minuted:—"27 June '99. The Lds have pd. Mr De Brienne for cleaning ye house." 1 *page.*

[About June 27.] 46. Memorial of Michael Lange to the Lords of the Treasury. The commission for prizes being superseded he could not obtain payment of the 3,000*l.* given him for the discovery of the French effects on board the pretended Swede's fleet; prays further directions to be given.

Minuted:—"27 Jun. '99. The Comrs will bring in an abstract in two or three daies." 1 *page.*

[? About June 27.] 47. Petition of the Gun-forgers to the Lords of the Treasury. Certain indirect practices had been carried on by one Nathan Gregory and James Scofeild, a merchant in Shadwell, and others, as might appear by the seizures of foreign arms imported contrary to law, which things had ruined the trade. Some who had kept 10, 12, or 14 men were reduced to turn porters, beggars, &c. Prays that no proceedings against the offenders might be stayed. With six signatures.

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Minuted :—" 27 June '99. My L^ds^ resolve not to disch^a^ seizures of forreign arms; but cannot hinder letters of licence, because granted by ye C^t^ of Exchequ^r^." 1 *page.*

June 28. 48. Report of the Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury. On the petition of Col. Geo. Hamilton, relating to a debt which he alleges to be due, for transporting recruits for the King's service, in favour of his claim for 902*l.*, besides consideration for his expenses and services. Dated 28 June 1699.

Minuted :—" 3 July '99. Speak w^th^ the E. of Ranelagh abt. this. Agreed. Lr̃e writ." 2½ *pages.*

[? About June 28.] 49. Petition of Robert Alvey, one of the weighing porters in fee in the port of London, to transfer his employment to his kinsman Walter Bucksby.

Minuted :—" 28 June '99. Rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About June 28.] 50. Petition of "Alix Molinier Widdow," to the Lords of the Treasury, for the arrears of subsistence and off-reckonings due to James Viala, a serjeant lately belonging to the French regiment of Cambon, who, coming sick from Ireland, was subsisted by the petitioner for nine months, and then died.

Minuted :—" 28 June 1699. Referred to y^e^ paym^r^ of Ireland." 1 *page.*

[? About June 28.] 51. Petition of John Lauze, late yeoman of the stirrup to the late Queen Mary, praying for a new lease at a small rent for 60 years of an old tenement in the manor of Richmond in Surrey, which he then held for an unexpired term, which tenement required rebuilding.

Minuted :—" 28 June '99. Let him make a new petic̃on according to y^e^ rules for 31 yeares, & it shall be referrd to y^e^ Survey^r^ Gen^ll^." 1 *page.*

June 28. 52. Report of Mr. Charles Chetwynd to the Lords of the Treasury, certifying the last declared accounts of North and South Wales for the year ended Michaelmas 1695. In regard to the arrear, the receiver was ready to proceed upon his accounts for part of the year 1696, and the years 1697 and 1698; but could not for the reasons given, &c. Dated 28 June 1699. 2 *pages* (*brief size*).

June 29. 53. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for Taxes in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring the stoppage of the taxes from persons receiving pensions at the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 29 June 1699.

Minuted :—" My Lords canot direct the stopping of this tax, till the daies of paym^t^ are incurrd, and there is a default made." 1 *page.*

June 29. 54. Copy of a report of the Earl of Montagu, concerning the trumpeters' and drummers' liveries, which had remained unserved for four years since the Revolution. Dated 29 June 1699.

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Also the account of the cost of the liveries.

Minuted:—"Read 9 Apr. 1701. The K. would know how much in money was formerly allowed them."

There is the same minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 250, 9 April 1701, with this addition:—"My Lord Montagu is to send the precedents." 2 *pages.*

June 30. 55. Letter of the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acquiescing in their Lordships' pleasure that they should choose another person as their counsel for the Revenue, and naming Mr. John Forster; the fresh appointment being necessary, in consequence of the bad character of Mr. Broderick, whom they had in ignorance previously named. Dated 30 June 1699.

Minuted:—"Approved. A letter to the Com^rs." 1 *page.*

[? About June 30.] 56. "An acco^t of Talleys, &ca. remaining in the Treãr of the Ordnance his hands, as per acco^t of cash, dated the 30^th of June 1699; and likewise on what fund, after what sũme payable, when struck, how many of each, and their respective numbers."

Also the said account concerning the "State of the Cash." 1 *very large page, and* 2 *smaller ones.*

[About June 30.] 57. Memorial of John Parkhurst and John Paschal, to the Lords of the Treasury, applying for their instructions to guide them in carrying out the "constitution" which they had received empowering them to levy and receive all prizes, taken during the last war with France.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 30^th June '99. Lett them prepare a draught of such instructions as they think most conduceable to the King's service, & present them to my Lords for their perusall & approbacon." 1 *page.*

June. 58. Report of the chief officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Roger Kirkby, governor of the castle at Chester. All he had represented therein, relating to his services and the buildings and other conveniences for the use of the late mint in Chester Castle, was true: further the King paid after the rate of 50*l. per ann.* for the like accommodation at York mint; and by their Lordships' directions 200 guineas were given to each of the "four general importers" at Bristol, Exeter, Norwich, and York: recommending the said governor for a proportionable recompense. Dated June 1699.

Also the memorial and copy of a letter written by the direction of the Lords Justices, to the said Col., in respect to the setting up of the said mint. Dated 21 July 1696.

There are two minutes on the dorse, the second of which is:—"Read 7 7^br 1699. A warr^t for 200^li for his service there & the damage he susteyned."

"W^t signed 22^th 7^br 1699." 3 *pages.*

[? About June.] 59. Memorial of Edw. Earl of Orford to the Lords of the Treasury, renewing his desire to deliver to the now Treasurer of the Navy,

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the money, &c. with all the imprest bills remaining in his hands, leaving sufficient to defray the charges and incidents of passing his accounts. Without date, but Lord Orford's successor was appointed 29 May 1699.

Minuted :—"To be brought in when my Lord is here."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 136, 8 June 1699, is :—

"Com^rs of Navy with S^r Tho. Littleton & M^r Corbet & M^r Dodington. It is thought that if my Lord Orford goe on to pay the money resting in his hands, and that S^r Tho. be charged only with the money he receives at the Exchequ^r from the passing of his patent, this method will avoid many difficultys."

(Further down on the same day is) :—

"M^r Dodington informes my Lords that the Earl of Orford is willing to comply w^th the method above mentioned tho' it will create him more trouble." 1 *page.*

July 3. 60. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, respecting arrears amounting to 6,700*l.* due to the Judges in Ireland, on their additional salary of 200*l. per ann.*; desiring directions. Dated 3 July 1699. Three enclosures, one of them being the petition of the judges, with their signatures.

Minuted :—"To be layd before ye K. 1^st Nov. '99. Read to the King. His Ma^ty thinkes this deserves farther consideracon, in respect to the present state of the Revenue of Ireland. Respited." *Again* :—"Ordered."

This minute is also in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 207, 2 Nov. 1699. 4½ *pages.*

July $\frac{4}{14}$. 61. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning four warrants signed by the King. "(1), for M^r Ogle to be a Com^r of Revenues in Ireland; (2), for allowing 74^li 4^s on M^r Bere's acco^t; (3), for appointing y^e sal^rys of y^e Lords of y^e Adm^ty; (4), for disch^a M^r Singleton of His M^ts part of a fine," and signifying "His Ma^ts pleasure that y^e Lords of y^e Trea^ry do dispose of y^e Office of Comptroll^r of Newcastle, as they shall think fit." Dated Loo, $\frac{4}{14}$ July 1699. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July $\frac{4}{14}$. 62. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the draft of regulation of subsistence for forces, &c. in England for the approbation of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Loo, $\frac{4}{14}$ July 1699. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 5. 63. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Lowe, widow of Thomas Lowe, of Bristol, tobacconist; praying to be relieved of a further debt of 48*l.*, omitted out of a former account; favourable to the petitioner. Dated 5 July 1699.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 5. 64. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, *docquetted* thus :—"About several particulars relating to

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the Forces in Ireland." It more especially relates to their pay and to the barracks there. Dated 5 July 1699.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K." 5 *pages.*

July 6. 65. Order in Council for a meeting of the Privy Council, for the trial of His Majesty's coins in the pix of the Mint, within the Tower of London. Dated 6 July 1699. 1 *page.*

July 8. 66. Copy of a letter of the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, respecting the memorial of Sir Tho. Littleton, Treasurer of the Navy, relating to the passing his accounts. Dated 8 July 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 164, 7 Aug. 1699, is a minute touching the reading of papers as to these accounts, finishing:—"The points are, that the books for wages be made up yearly, whereby the acc^{ts} may be passed yearly. That the Treãr be allowd yearly all the money he paies by way of imprest, without tarrying till the imprests are cleared, and that he be allowd the money he paies by way of imprest to ye cashire of the victualling and that ye Com^{rs} of the Victualling or ye cashire do pass a distinct acco^{t} of ye victuall. These severall points are debated." 1½ *pages.*

July 8. 67. Two letters from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, both dated 8 July 1699, and four other papers, concerning wool licences. The third is headed:—"Reasons against passing the Act for preventing the exportation of y^{e} woolen manufactory of Ireland to forraine parts," and the fourth is a copy of the opinion of y^{e} Attorney and Solicitor General relating to the wool licences in Ireland. 10 *pages.*

July 11. 68. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Lubbock, who had been very active in the Kings's service upon the Revolution, and was employed as excise officer at Kingston-upon-Thames, and when called upon to pay the duties on leather which he had received, to the amount of 73*l.* 3*s.* 1¼*d.*, was unable to pay the same and was discharged from his office: recommending him for remission of his debt, as a fit object of compassion. Dated 11 July 1699.

(One enclosure.)

Minuted:—"Granted. W^{t} signed 9th Aug^{t} 1699." 1 *page.*

July 12 and 14. 69. Memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for moneys to be assigned for the payment of the bills to uphold the credit of the office, and for the pursers; to prevent the "retardment" of the ships from prosecuting their voyages. Dated 12 July 1699.

Copy of the same, and a letter from the said victuallers to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., representing their want of money, dated 14 July 1699, and stating that they could not meet with any of their Lordships. 3 *pages.*

July 13. 70. Memorial of the Admiralty about supplying the express advice boat, &c. with provisions. Dated 13 July 1699.

Minuted:—"Directions given in this 19th July '99. 1½ *pages.*

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July 13. 71. "Memorial of the Admiralty about the small vessels appointed to cruize on the coast of Kent and Sussex," as to the seizure of vessels with customable goods. Dated 13 July 1699. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 13.] 72. Petition of Charles Dering, Esq., His Majesty's Auditor-General, to the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, praying to be put on the establishment of the civil list for the 50*l.* a year mentioned in his patent, his duty being to certify yearly the accounts of the revenue of Ireland into England.

Accompanied by a certified copy of the patent and a certificate by the Deputy Auditor General as to what appeared on record regarding the said salary. Dated 13 July 1699.

Minuted:—"Warr^{t} signed." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 17. 73. Report of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Tutchin, who claimed to be rewarded for a saving effected by him from the "bloody pickle" which drained from the cask and binns which held the flesh, which pickle had hitherto been wasted; stating the experiments made on the subject, and that the whole benefit amounted to but 12*l.* 7*s.* 0½*d.* Dated 17 July 1699.

Minuted:—"£12. 10. 0. to be p^{d} him according to y^{e} report."

The petition and three other papers, one of which is a letter from the petitioner, in which he offered to farm the pickle at 7*d.* a barrel. 5 *pages.*

July 20. 74. Letter by direction of the Lords Justices to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty, about supplying the pursers of the King's ships with money, to furnish wood, candles, and other necessaries; and another memorial for seizure of ships bound to parts of this kingdom, with prohibited goods. Dated 20 July 1699. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 24. 75. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Ford, searcher of the port of Chichester, for the payment of his third part of 760*l.*, coming from a parcel of silks and lace imported by Roger Laming from France; in favour of the petitioner. Dated 24 July 1699. (Three enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Agreed. W^{t} signed 9th Aug^{t} 1699." 4 *pages.*

July 25. 76. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Earl of Longford to the King, praying a grant of a mortgage upon part of his estate, called White Friars, in the suburbs of Dublin, which was forfeited to the King by the outlawry of Sir Daniel Arthur; transmitting the petition, the reports of the Attorney-General, and the Com^{rs} of Revenue; observing that the forfeiture had not been found by inquisition, and the value could not be otherwise ascertained than by the petitioner's affidavit, enclosed, which states that the estate was set for 320*l. per ann.*, besides the mansion house, worth about 60*l. per ann.*, in ruins, and yielding nothing. Dated 25 July 1699. It is also accompanied by two other papers.

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Minuted:—"1st Novr 1699. Read to the King. His Maty cannot grant this estate, it not being found by inquisicon."

There is a minute to the same effect in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 206, 1 Nov. 1699.

The petition referred to, showing that the petitioner had with steady zeal served the King, and had lost by the rebellion in Ireland above 40,000*l.*; that part of his estate in the suburbs of Dublin called Whitefriars, was mortgaged to Sir Daniel Arthur for 4,300*l.*, 2,220*l.* being due to the said Sir Daniel, who was outlawed.

With a note referring it to the Lords of the Treasury, 28 July 1698. 12¼ *pages.*

July 27. 77. "Certificate of money imprested to Mr. Lionell Herne, out of loanes on the second 3*s.* ayd, for the cancelling of Exchequer bills." Dated 27 July 1699. 1 *page.*

July 28. 78. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The King's opinion was that the arrear of one year's pension should be paid to Richard Kingston, in consideration of his services and necessitous condition. Dated Dieren, 7 Aug. 1699, N.S.

Minuted:—"7 Aug. '99. My Lords will speak to His Maty abt this at his returne." *Again*:—"200li to be pd as bounty."

Accompanied by his petition. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 28. 79. Report of S. Travers, Esq., Surveyor General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Jenkyns, gent., praying for a renewal of a lease of waifs, strays, &c. in the honour of Peverel, which had been granted by King Charles II. in his 25th year, to Sir John Packington and others, in trust for Col. Washington's children; informing their Lordships that King Charles II. in his 16th year granted to Charles Earl of Norwich all the said waifs, strays, &c. for 31 years at 50*l.* *per ann.*, and in 1673 granted the same to Sir John Packington, Bart., and others, in trust for the daughters of the said Col. Washington; to be held for 31 years from that date (concurrent with the Earl of Norwich's lease then in being). The value, according to Sir Charles Harbord, would be 350*l.* Advising that in any new grant the lessee should account for at least a 10th part of the profits of working the mines and quarries. Dated 28th July 1699.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"12 July 1700. Respited till a new report comes on a subseqt petition." 4 *pages.*

July 28. 80. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Lady Dorothy Burke, who sought to have a grant of the quit rent payable to the King out of the manor of Dantsey, in the county of Wilts, the estate of her father, the Earl of Clanricarde (who had gone to Ireland and declared himself a Roman Catholic), having been forfeited; informing their Lordships that the rent and arrears of Dantsey had been granted to the now Earl of Peterborough, together with the hundred of Chippen-

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ham, in Wilts, and that they came to the Crown by the attainder of Sir John Danvers, and were granted A.D. 1662 to James Duke of York, and afterwards in reversion tothe Earl, at a rent of 300*l.* *per ann.*; further that no rent had been paid by the Earl, and there was 2,550*l.* due, and that the rent was worth 20 years' purchase, or 6,000*l.* Dated 28 July 1699.

Accompanied by the petition.

A second minute, on 1 Nov. '99, is in these terms:—"Read before His Maty. The Lords of the Trery are to hear the matter on my Lord Peterborow's *caveat*, and lay the whole before the King."

There is also a minute to the same effect in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 205, 1 Nov. 1699. 3½ *pages.*

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Aug. 1. 1. Memorial of Mr. George Dodington, paymaster, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, praying that the books of ships paid off since 1 Jan. 1694 might be made up, that he might be able to perfect the accounts of Lord Orford. Dated 1 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"To be brot in on Munda morn." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 1.] 2. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Lieut.-Col. Duncanson, who was under arrest for debt, said to be caused by the misfortune of the Lord Lorne's regiment losing a new clothing at Dixmude; the petitioner behaved himself particularly well in the affair of Dixmude, having refused to sign the capitulation, when most others did; "upon which acct he was recommended to His Maty's favour by the generall court marshall appointed to examine that affair": recommending that he should be paid out of the contingencies.

Minuted:—"1 Aug. '99. My Lords are inclined to satisfy this out of hackney coach mo if it can be done." *Again:*—"Pd in part 7th Septr 1699, 375li. 16/6."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 172, 6 Sept. 1699, is:—"375. 16. 6. hackney coach money to be issued to ye Earle of Ranelagh for contingts, the same being intended for Lt Collo Duncanson," &c., "in consideration of ye loss of their cloathing at Dixmuyde." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 3. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jonathan Powell, who had sent the Comrs of Excise certain Exchequer bills, &c., which had been carried off by highwaymen; recommending him as an object of favour to the Comrs. Dated 2 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"To be allowd."

(Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

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1699. [? About Aug. 2.] 4. Memorial signed "Sa. Prat," showing that 216*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* were due to Dr. Prat, and three others, for lodging the King's servants at Kensington in 1697 and 1698; praying their Lordships to order payment of the same out of the Treasury chamber.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Aug. '99. See the minute concerning this, & my Lords will pay the money so farr as they agreed & noe further."

No minute is entered in the *Minute Book* in relation to this. ½ *page.*

Aug. 7. 5. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Ireton, collector of Excise, whose deputy had been robbed of 20*l.* 13*s.* 0¾*d.*, and had prosecuted the highwayman, who was convicted, "and thereby the pet^r made incapable of receiving this money soe lost of the hundred:" also as to the failure of John Lyndsell, who was mayor of Saffron Walden, through whom the petitioner had returned certain moneys. Dated 7 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 7 Aug. '99. Allow the 20. 13. 0¾. & 140^li. W^t signed 9^th Aug^t 1699."

(Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

Aug. 7. 6. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, to the Lords of the Treasury, sending them a state of the account of cash and bills, and a state of the account of Exchequer bills received and issued at the Exchequer, presenting a report upon a discovery of persons concerned in altering Exchequer bills from a less to a greater amount; seeking that their Lordships would direct the payment of a quarter's salary to the Trustees and officers under them. [*Minuted:*—"A warr^t."] Also, 685*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* which the Trustees disbursed for interest and premiums due upon 40,000*l.* tallies charged upon the surplus of the new customs. [*Minuted:*—"To be p^d out of overplus customes"]: further praying the payment of 100*l.* reward to Capt. Wm. Scott, for discovering a fraud. Dated 7 Aug. 1699.

Accompanied by a detailed report of the discovery referred to, viz., of the alteration of Exchequer bills, and an account of salaries due to the Trustees, &c.

Minuted:—"W^ts drawn 6^th Sept. 1699." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 7. Report of the Com^rs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the accounts of several consuls in the Mediterranean, amounting to 2,356*l.* 9*s.* 3¼*d.*, for relieving English prisoners; advising that the accounts ought to be paid. Dated 16 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 19 7br. '99. Bring this in when the Com^rs of Sick & Wounded are here."

(Five enclosures.) 8 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 8. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a seizure of calicoes and muslins by Mr. Charles Goodman, who acted as collector at Perth Amboy, in East New Jersey, and had seized the said goods, which were forcibly retaken from him; reminding their Lordships of their former recommendation of Goodman to be collector instead of Thomas Coker, deceased,

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as the opposition complained of in a letter enclosed, seemed to be chiefly from want of proper authority from England. Dated 21 Aug. 1699.

Accompanied by the letter, which has some interesting particulars as to the state of society there, stating that the people were so precise, that they would upon no consideration suffer a waggon to travel on the Sabbath day; and again, "ye people here are all lawless, & have no respect to Goverm^t or the King's authority, but publickly affront ye magistrates & those who endeavour to execute the law." 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 21. 9. Presentment of the same to the same, about the allowances for collecting and managing the coal duty. Dated 21 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"Approved. W^t signed 19 7ber 1699." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 10. Order in Council by the Lords Justices, approving the estimate of the principal officers and Com^rs of the Ordnance concerning stores to be sent to New York, and ordering the payment of 472*l.* 10*s.* for the same. Dated 22 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"A s. m. [sign manual] for ye 472. 10." 1 *page.*

Aug. 23. 11. Letter of the Com^rs of Ordnance, signifying to the Lords of the Treasury that they can do little or no business till the cash in Mr. Bertie's hands is delivered to Mr. Mordant; for which they pray directions. Dated 23 Aug. 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 223, 27 Nov. 1699, is:—"Board of Ordnance & Coll^o Mordaunt. Board acquaint my Lords that Coll^o Mordaunt has given security for the office of Trẽr of the Ordnance, and desire the Privy Seal may now pass, for authorizing M^r Bertie to pay over the remain in his hands as late trẽr." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Aug. 23.] 12. Petition of the officers in the Court of the Receipt of the Exchequer, commonly called the Tally Court, as to their fees for striking tallies.

Also a certificate in their favour, signed "Chr. Montagu." Dated 23 Aug. 1699. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 24. 13. Letter from Mr. Geo. Dodington to the Lords of the Treasury, in reference to the widow Cordwent's petition, whose late husband in 1694 supplied the second marine regiment with clothes and beds to the amount of 3,300*l.* He believed there was a contract between Lord Berkley, the commander of the regiment, and the petitioner's husband, but did not know what money was paid; there had been above 4,000*l.* paid to clothiers for those regiments for 1697, which was taken out of the soldiers' pay. The Com^rs of the Navy had appointed a clerk to adjust what ought to be abated from the marine soldiers for 1694–5–6, to satisfy the petitioner's demands, &c., and great progress had been made; but whether the money due on ships' books paid off, and on ships' books not yet paid off, would be sufficient to answer the petitioner's demands, and discharge the imprest of 6,851*l.* 5*s.*, he could not say. The petitioner was misin-

1699. formed as to there being a considerable sum in the treasurer's hands for the clothes of that regiment. The petitioner's case was very hard and unless relieved, she would be a great sufferer by the contract Dated 24 Aug. 1699.

There are two minutes on the back, the second of which is:—"Read again 26 7br '99. My Lords can give no order in this till the order of the Admlty is taken off." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 25. 14. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain lace inadvertently brought over by Henry Buisson, who had made his escape from France to avoid the persecutions against the Protestants, which lace was seized by an officer of the Customs; advising that the petitioner deserved relief out of the King's part. Dated 25 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

(Three enclosures.) 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 25. 15. Extract from the Register of the Court of Delegates, concerning Dr. Watson, late Bishop of St. David's, who was charged with simony. Dated 25 Aug. 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 170, 31 Aug. 1699, is:—"Mr Attor. is of opinion yt the appeale (in case of Bp of St David's) is a suspencon of all things, till ye appeal is determined, so that no seisure can be till the sentence of ye delegates.

"Dor Oxenden saies some appeales do suspend the jurisdiction of the Judg. *a quo*, others do not; in the former case the party desires an inhibition, wch is on ye part of ye Bp, and till that is done, the sentence is not suspended.

"*Brook tit. Deprivacon*, 12, if a parson be deprived & appeales, no avoidance dur. the appeale.

"Dyer, 240.

"3 Cro., 679.

"*Dor Godolphin Repertorium Canonicū*, 213.

"Bp Bonner was deprived, & Ridley made Bp.

"Mr Sollr thinks that this matter wilbe decided by ye Cānon Law, so that if this appeale does not suspend ye judgmt by that law, then there may be a seizure, otherwise not." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 28.] 16. Three certificates to the effect that search had been made at the Petty Bag Office, the records of sessions of the peace for the county of Middlesex, and the Crown Office, in the Court of Queen's Bench; and that in neither of them, from 1697, had Mr. William Dockwra taken the several oaths, &c. Dated 30 and 31 May 1698, and 28 Aug. 1699.

These are probably connected with some other paper. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 29. 17. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes. Due instructions would be sent to Capt. Coode, commander of the "Messenger" advice boat, at Plymouth, for the observance of the Acts of Trade made for preventing frauds, &c. in the plantation trade. Dated 29 Aug. 1699. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 29. 18. Report of Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edwd. Progers, Esq., for payment of 222*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, by him expended for sundry services within the King's park, called the Middle Park, at Hampton Court; touching also on the question of the taxation of royal parks. Dated 29 Aug. 1699.

The petition and the account of moneys laid out.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} for this." 3½ *pages.*

Aug. 29. 19. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question as to whether a certain Henry Peterson, *alias* Peters, master of the ship called the "John," galley, of Wexford, was a foreigner or not; his ship having been seized on the pretence that he was a foreigner, and so had contravened the navigation laws: in favour of the petitioner. Dated 29 Aug. 1699.

Minuted:—"My Lords have spoken wth M^{r} Soll^{r}, & doe agree wth the report." 4 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 29.] 20. Copy of the petition of Samuel Hemming, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for their warrant for discovery, recovery, and collection of defective rents re-conveyed, or any other defective rents of the Crown that should be made out by the several auditors or receivers of His Majesty's revenue.

Rec^{d} 29th Aug^{t} '99.

Minuted:—"Read 7 7^{br} '99. If the pet^{r} knows of any rents to w^{ch} the K. hath no title of record, upon his discovery thereof, my Lords will imploy him to receive or recover the same; but as to rents re-conveyed to y^{e} crowne by matter of record, the auditors have, or ought to putt them in charge, and the K. has rec^{rs} already in every county, who ought to receive the same. Send to ye aud^{r} to know if ye rents reconveyed by M^{r} Guy for ye M. of Tring be putt in charge."

Also the case of the petitioner Sam. Hemming, touching reprized purchased rents. Including copy of the previous petition and other matters relating thereto. 6½ *pages.*

Aug. 30. 21. "Commissioners' report on Capt. Baker's scheame & instructions for y^{e} guard of y^{e} coasts of Kent & Sussex;" advising the continuance of Capt. Ellesdon and Mr. Paterson, two of the riding officers on the coast between Dover and Guilford, as supervisors, and proposing to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Hafford the riding officer for the Isle of Thanet and coast adjacent, to inspect the other officers in that isle, and for Herne Bay and Reculvers; and Mr. James Whitwood, the collector of Chichester, to superintend the officers of that part of the coast of Sussex. Dated 30 Aug. 1699.

This report is accompanied by the report of Capt. Baker, who gives an elaborate account of the state of those coasts, as regards smuggling, and its prevention.

Also five other enclosures.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 165, 7 Aug. 1699, is:—"Com̃rs of Customes. My Lords recom^{d} to them that next spring some of

1699. the Com^rs do survey the outports. M^r Baker will attend the Com^rs with his scheme, and prepare it w^th them." 36 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

Aug. 31. 22. Report of the Lord Ranelagh to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Archibald Hutcheson, Esq., relating to the subsistence of the Independent Company at St. Christopher's. The subsistence of that company for 24 weeks, viz., to 10 Sept., amounted to 363*l.* 12*s.*, and he had no objection to an order to pay the 300*l.* mentioned in the petition. Dated 31 Aug. 1699.
(Two enclosures.) 3 *pages.*

Aug. 23. A state of Exchequer bills received and issued by the four tellers of the Exchequer and Receiver-General of the Excise, at various dates from March to Aug. 1699. 6 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 24. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the relief from taxes of officers connected with the Customs, whose salaries were less than 60*l. per ann.* Dated 4 Sept. 1699.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Sept. 4. 25. Presentment of the same to the same, as to a seizure of coins to the value of 74*l.* 8*s.*: recommending a moiety to be paid Mr. Robert Wind, one of the tide surveyors of the port of Plymouth, who seized the same. Dated 4 Sept. 1699.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Sept. 7. 26. Report of Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor-General, on the petition of Sir John Morden, concerning the quit rents of the manor of Chesworth, in Sussex, which were in charge before the Queen Dowager's auditor: also concerning the value of Colstable farm, parcel of the same manor, which the petitioner desired might be thrown into his bargain, for the designed grant of the manor of Old Court, and of Sedgwick park (which last was part of the manor of Chesworth), on his paying down 2,000*l.*, as the petitioner desired to settle these premises on his newly erected hospital for decayed merchants. Dated 7 Sept. 1699.
Minuted:—"Ref. to M^r Surv^r to know ye value of it. M^r Surv^rs report bro^t 11^th 7br. 1699." 2 *pages.*

[About Sept. 8.] 27. Report of John Parkhurst and John Paschal, made in pursuance of their Lordships' directions, referring their Lordships to their memorial of 30 June 1699, and referring also to Mr. Lowndes' letter of 2 Aug. last, in which their Lordships recommended that they should prepare such a draft of instructions as would be most conducive to the King's service; proposing instructions under four heads, for the management of the Prize Office. "Rec^d 8^th Sep^r '99." 1½ *pages.*

[About Sept. 8.] 28. Petition of James Whiston to the Lords of the Treasury. From the last of Oct. 1698, to 23 Aug. 1699, about 5,000 pipes of Canary wine were imported in London, the pipes each holding 122 gallons, the merchant paying duty on 126 gallons (*sic*); also 2,000

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tuns of Florence and 300 tuns of Rhenish wines in the same manner. 28,000 pipes of wine from other places, holding 140 to 170 odd gallons each, were also entered, which passed as if they held but 126 gallons, by which the King was defrauded of the duty on 2,335 tuns, equal to 46,700*l.* For several years the vintage had proved bad; but this to come is very good. If these wines were honestly gauged in the other ports it would add to the revenue 70,000*l. per ann.* The petitioner asked their Lordships to send for Mr. Thos. Leader, in Billiter Lane, the now city gauger, to prove these assertions: the petitioner honestly believed if he had a good salary as King's gauger, he would detect the abuse; but as he was gauger for the city, it would be his ruin to aver this truth. Praying that a minute might be made to reward him. He was further ready to show how the King might make hundreds of thousands of pounds *per ann.* in other matters.

Minuted:—"Read 7^{br} 8 '99. My Lords will speak wth the Com^{rs} of the Customs in this."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 272, on 12 Feb. 1699–1700, it is mentioned that various of his proposals were discussed. The *minute* finishes: "My Lords commend his zeal, & direct the Com^{rs} to order their officers to be civil to him." 1 *large page.*

Sept. 8. 29. Letter of Lord Bellomont to the Lords [of the Treasury]. He had been greatly concerned for the neglect of the four companies at New York, and he was more wearied by the complaints of the victuallers than with all the other business; they told him they were out of pocket above 7,000*l.*; he had fed them with hopes, but that artifice would no longer satisfy them; he feared unless the subsistence were paid in England they would be "broke and the soldiers turned a grazing." Soldiers were never more necessary than in the province of New York, where the people had such an appetite for piracy and unlawful trade, that they were ready to rebel as often as the Government put the laws in execution against them; he hoped that order should be given that those four companies should be as exactly paid as the forces in England. An Act had passed in the Assembly that vacated some few of Col. Fletcher's extravagant grants of lands, which he (the writer) presented to the Council of Trade, but seven or eight of those grants remained unbroken; eleven men had full three-fourths of that whole province granted them, and there was not a gentleman amongst them, nor three well affected to His Majesty. Mr. Dellius, the Dutch minister of Albany, had a grant of above 900,000 acres of land, besides a grant of the Mohawk's land (one of the five nations of Indians), which so disturbed and dissatisfied that nation and the rest, that they had like to have gone over to the French; he had previously treated of these extravagant grants, and hoped the Council of Trade had communicated with the Treasury Board thereon; he had intended to complain to their Lordships and the Council of Trade, in respect to the execution of patent places by deputies, even if he had not received a letter

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from the Council; as a specimen, he referred to the case of Mr. Brenton, collector of this province, of New Hampshire and Rhode Island; if he could get the papers transcribed, which were delivered him by Mr. Mounteys, a merchant, with his petition against Col. Allen, the last Governor, and Mr. Sheaf, the deputy collector, he would send them by that conveyance to the Com^rs^ of Customs; he charged those two with making an unjust seizure of Mr. Mounteys' ship and goods; Mr. Brenton's deputy in Rhode Island (one Gardiner) was accused of sheltering one Guillam, a pirate, in his house, who lately came with Capt. Kidd from Madagascar, and was a most bloody villain, said to be the man who stabbed Capt. Edgecomb, commander of the "Mocha" frigate for the East India Company. He was the ringleader when that ship's company turned pirates; he was said also to have served the Mogul eight or nine years, to have turned Mahomedan, and to have been circumcised; he endeavoured to apprehend Guillam and some other pirates in Rhode Island, two were taken, but Guillam was conveyed away, and Gardiner was said to have had a hand in his escape; he (the writer) was going to Rhode Island to execute a commission from His Majesty, viz., to inquire into the irregularities of that Government, and then he would inform himself how far Gardiner was guilty; he was certain he was guilty of entertaining Guillam in his house, but he did not charge this against Mr. Brenton, for he knew it was very hard to find honest men in that part of the world to put into employment; the clerk of the council at New York and the naval officer (the only officers the writer made) proved both very idle knavish fellows, but they were the best he could get; the office of collector was the most ungrateful in those plantations, if he were just, they hated him mortally; so that an honest man with substance would hardly accept a deputy collector's place; he had not discovered anything amiss in Mr. Brenton's behaviour there, though he was much hated by the merchants, but (for ought he could find) it was for his exactness; he (the writer) would neither deceive the King, nor suffer any one else to deceive him; he desired Mr. Brenton might be ordered to his post, as his absence was prejudicial; he advised the appointment of a collector for Rhode Island and another for New Hampshire, who should be "nicely honest" at 100*l.* a year each; and because there would be little for the latter to do, there being little trade there, he advised that the collector should be surveyor of the woods in that province and receive 50*l.* a year, (which Mr. Brenton then had to no manner of purpose) as part of the 100*l.* proposed: Mr. Randolph had that 50*l.* a year before Mr. Brenton for looking after the woods of that province, and neither of them had ever done sixpence worth of service for it; Mr. Brenton had employed one Mr. Ichabod Plaisted to look after the woods there as his deputy, and Ichabod the deputy, did as little good as Jahleel, his principal, nay, he did a great deal of hurt, for he traded in timber and was building a saw mill in order to devour more timber; there were above 50 saw mills in that little province, half of them double ones that used

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two or more saws; a mill with a single saw did 20 times the work of two men, for it would saw 2,000 feet of boards in a day; they worked about eight months in the year, the frost hindering them the remainder of the year. There was such a shameful waste of the woods as could not be conceived; the collector ought to be a right honest man, and he would give him what assistance he could; he advised that all officers of the revenue should be Englishmen.

P.S.—The collector of New York wrote that this was the worst year known for the customs, the growth of the Sugar islands, which used to bring almost the whole revenue of customs, having failed; but one sloop could get a loading at Barbadoes, and several sloops had come from those islands to New York in ballast. Mr. Hungerford, one of the collectors, and Mr. Parmiter, the naval officer of New York, wrote that the acts of Assembly which granted a revenue to the King were so lame and weakly penned, that the merchants and others eluded them, and a good many seizures of ships and goods were lost by want of honest judges; there was not such a parcel of wild knaves and Jacobites as those that practised the law in the province of New York, not one of them a barrister, one was a dancing master, another a glover, a third (and he Col. Fletcher's bosom friend, favourite and land-jobber) condemned to be hanged in Scotland for blasphemy and burning the bible, and all of that honourable profession, ignorant and usurers, their only skill consisting in chicane and stirring up the people to litigate the titles of estates with one another, and debauching them from their duty and affection to His Majesty: he was thus particular in regard to the lawyers, that their Lordships might promote an honest understanding lawyer who would deserve 1,000*l.* a year to be made Chief Justice of that province, and another good lawyer to be Attorney-General at 300*l.* a year; the Assembly of New York had complained to him against the lawyers by petition, and desired that the administration of justice might be in better hands; a pure and upright administration of the laws would improve the revenue at least double, and reconcile the people to the laws and government of England, who, he must needs say, had too great an aversion to both. Dated Boston, 8 Sept. '99.

Also,

"Sampson Sheafe, deputy collector of His Maj^ties province of New Hampshire and Meine, his answer to the petition or complaint of James Mounteaes, directed to his Excellency Richard, Earle of Bellomont, &c.," touching the seizure of a ship called the "Hope well," with its goods, and the proceedings about the same. 8½ *pages.*

Sept. 9. 30. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the list of persons proposed for riding officers in Kent and Sussex. Dated 9 Sept. 1699.

(Two enclosures.) 4 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 31. Presentment of the same to the same. Recommending the establishment of Stephen Pattee, a fisherman, as a preventive of-

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ficer at Tarcross, a creek about seven miles from Dartmouth, which offered facilities for smuggling: also as to some additions to salaries. Dated 13 Sept. 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 15. 32. Report of Com^rs^ of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords Justices there, on the petition of William Burgh, Esq., for payment of his salary as accountant-general: advising that if the King should not think fit to have the salaries placed as formerly on the civil list, direction should be given to them for paying them out of the revenue. Dated 15 Sept. 1699.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 33. Report of the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes. They had caused the claims made by the executors of Mr. Stephens, late cashier of the Earl of Orford, Treasurer of the Navy, to be examined and stated, and had sent the same with other papers for their Lordships' instructions thereon. Dated 16 Sept. 1699.

Minuted:—"Allowd."

Accompanied by the said papers. 5 *pages.*

Sept. $\frac{19}{29}$. 34. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, concerning the payment of the pension of Doctor Kingston, sending the King's directions to pay to Lord Lucas 300*l.* upon that account. Dated Loo, $\frac{19}{29}$ Sept. 1699.

Minuted:—"3 Oct. '99. My Lords cannot pay this till they have spoken w^th^ His Ma^ty^ after his returne."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 255, 17 Jan. 1699–1700, is:—"D^r^ Kingston papers read, 200^li^ to be paid him as bounty." 1 *page.*

Sept. 19. 35. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to payment of moneys by Mr. Bertie, until Mr. Mordant was qualified to act as treasurer. Dated 19 7ber. '99. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 20. 36. Memorial of the victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the assignment of moneys for foreign bills of exchange, for the purser of the ship "Rochester," for a debt to Sir John Elwill, for salt bought, and for the provision of various articles, amongst which were peas, which were very scarce. Dated 20 Sept. 1699. 1 *page.*

Sept. 26. 37. Letter signed R. Yard, to the Lords of the Treasury, communicating to them the directions of the Lords Justices, that they should order 25*l.* to be paid to Thomas Shorter, as the King's bounty, for attendance on their Excellencies as chamber keeper. Dated 26 Sept. 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 188, 10 Oct. 1699, is a minute to the effect that the above sum was "ordered accordingly." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Sept. 26. 38. Report of Mr. John Povey to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial presented on behalf of Chidley Brook, lately collector and receiver-general of the public revenue in New York; representing to their Lordships the state of his accounts against which he had made several objections which could only be cleared up by a reference to New York. Dated 26 Sept. 1699.

Accompanied by the memorial of the said Mr. Brook, who states that he was necessitated to accept of an employment under the new East India Company, in India, where he was gone. Also another paper containing objections against the accounts. 7 *pages.*

Sept. 26. 39. Order in Council, concerning the rules for passing messengers' bills. Dated 26 Sept. 1699. 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 40. Warrant from the Lords of the Treasury to Christopher Montague, Esq., auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, requiring him to draw an order for paying Lord Robert Lucas 70*l.* without account, for money expended, as Governor of the Tower of London, for contingencies. Dated 28 Sept. 1699.

Accompanied by a list of the same. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 41. Bounties paid at the Exchequer to divers persons between Michaelmas 1698 and Michaelmas 1699. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 42 *a.* "A particular state of the several Fonds & Revenues now payable to His Ma^ty^ at the receipt of the Exchequ^r^." Dated 29 Sept. 1699.

[A very comprehensive financial paper.] 12 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 42 *b.* A paper *docquetted:*—"Mr. Auditor Done's certificate to the Lords of y^e^ Trea[su]ry touching demands made by Lord Montague," [Master of the Great Wardrobe]. Dated 29 Sept. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 17 Oct. '99. To be bro^t^ in next Thursd^a^." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 43. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, signifying the King's pleasure for the preparation of a warrant for 1,845*l.*, as an allowance at 5*l.* a day to the "Comte de Frise," from the time of his first employment as the King's envoy extraordinary; viz. from 1 Sept. 1698, up to which time he was last paid, to 5 Sept., being the day of the commencement of his privy seal, as envoy extraordinary, to the Elector of Brandenburg; to be paid out of the secret service money. Dated Loo, 30 Sept. 1699.

Minuted:—"30 Apr. 1700. 1,845^li^ to be p^d^ by way of bounty."

There is also the following similar minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 36, 30 April 1700:—"Count Frise to be paid one year's allowance out of civill list m^o^ as a bounty." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 30. 44. An extract of the ordinary and extraordinary expense of the household, from the 1st July 1685 to the last September 1699. 1 *large page.*

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Oct. 1. 45. Letter from Mr. Isaac Newton to the Lords of the Treasury. The prosecution of coiners during the last three years, had put him to various small expenses, in coach-hire, and at taverns and prisons and other places, of all which services it was not possible to account on oath; praying for an order for an allowance of 120*l.* on his accounts. Dated Mint Office, Oct. 1, 1699.

Minuted:—"To be allowed in his acco^{t} of mo. by him rec^{d} for prosecution of clippers & coyners." *Part of a page.*

Oct. 4. 46. Report signed Wm. Talman, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Alice Symmonds, widow [who complained that Sir Chr. Wren promised her late husband on his death-bed, that he would get some one to be appointed to his place of clerk of the works at Hampton Court in trust for hereelf and son, in the same way as was practised in favour of Mrs. Browne, widow of the clerk of the works at Windsor]. Also in pursuance of a letter from Mr. Lowndes to Sir Chr. Wren and himself, signifying their Lordships' desire that the petitioner should be relieved. The report states that Sir Chr. Wren utterly refused to do anything therein, and that the petitioner's allegations were true, and advises that her son should be appointed to his father's place, with a suitable deputy, until he was of a fit age to execute the duties; further Sir Chr. Wren positively promised the employment, at one and the same time, to several others, as well as the petitioner; but what inducement he had to give it to his kinsman, Mr. Ball, was unknown to him. Dated 4 Oct. 1699.

Accompanied by (1) the petition; (2) the copy of a letter of Sir Chr. Wren to Sir John Clayton, expressing his sympathy with the family of the deceased, and stating his fears that he could not serve them in the way he had projected, for not an hour since a servant near the King's person came to him with a sort of *mandamus;* if he could weather that point the best he could do would be that a friend and not a stranger should succeed; and (3) copy of the letter of Mr. Lowndes referred to. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 47. "A copy of the L^{ds} of the Admiralties letter to direct the paying comanders half pay." Dated 4 Oct. '99.

With four lists of those entitled to the same. 9 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 48. A memorial presented by George London, master gardener, on behalf of all the King's gardeners, to the Lords of the Treasury; praying them to order such part of 8,400*l.* due to them as they thought fit, for their present necessities; they being all poor labouring people. Dated 4 Oct. 1699.

Minuted:—"To be inserted upon the list to Mids^{r} 1698." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[Oct. 5.] 49. Papers relating to arrears due to the farmers of the great branches of the Revenue in Ireland, including a proposal of Sir John Temple, Knt., Solicitor-General of Ireland, for the better and easier collecting and levying the arrears.

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Minuted:—"5th Oct. '99. Send the draft wth these papers to the Comrs in Ireland, for them to consider & give their opinions." 5½ *pages.*

[? About Oct. 5.] 50. Petition of Thomas Moreton and others, creditors of the late Marquess of Albeville, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of 140*l.* 8*s.*, which had been promised to be paid, as soon as the Marquess received the money due to him from the Crown, while he was envoy from the late King James to the States of Holland.

Accompanied by—

An accompt of what was due to the said Marquess; copy of a letter to the Lords of the Treasury, from the Marquess, dated 12 Jan. 1688–9, stating that from the present revolution of affairs in England, he was not likely to continue long in his station; pressing for his arrears, that he might not go away in debt and defraud the tradesmen of their due; and further that the employment had been expensive, being above 2,000*l.* beyond the ordinary allowance.

Also the bills of the above creditors.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Oct. 1699. My Lords cannot satisfie these pretences." 7 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 6.] 51, 52. Petition of Richard Poyke, late clerk of the Cheque, to the Lords of the Treasury, objecting to Mr. Vanbrugh's [treasurer of the chamber] report, on the examination of the messengers' bills and the matters relating to the complaints against the petitioner; stating that the said report is false and groundless, and an imposition on their Lordships; praying that before the matters relating to the petitioner are laid before the King, their Lordships would hear the petitioner, &c.

Accompanied by the report of the examination of Mr. Poyke and his witnesses, taken at the Cockpitt, Treasury Chambers, before the Lords of the Treasury on 6 and 13 Oct. 1699. See also the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., pp. 185 and 191.

Minuted:—"Read againe 5 Feb. '99. Lett a short report be made from the minutes of ye several hearings, wth Poykes' charge agt sevll messengers & Mr Vanburgh's answer." 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 53. Certificate concerning derelict lands lying in the parishes of Long Sutton, Gedney, Holbech, Quaplode, and Moulton, and other places in the county of Lincoln. Numerously signed. Dated 7 Oct. 1699.

"Read 30 May 1704." 1 *page.*

Oct. 10. 54. Report of the officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Silvester and others, who have tallies in their hands on the ¾ customs received from the said office in payment of money, viz., as to the interest due on them at 2 *per cent.*; with a minute on the dorse for the payment thereof. Dated 10 Oct. 1699.

(Three enclosures.) 4½ *pages.*

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1699. [?About Oct. 10.] 55. Petition of John Thompson to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that in 1679, he obtained a patent for himself and Mr. Edw. Noell, for the place of registrar to the Com^rs of Excise, at a joint salary of 350*l.* *per ann.* Mr. Noel had been also secretary to the Com^rs, which obliged him to a daily attendance, but was dismissed; he had promised to allow 75*l.* *per ann.* to an assistant, but then refused to pay the King's taxes or the allowance to the assistant; praying their Lordships to make a suitable order thereon, which should include the said payments. Read 10 Oct. 1699.

There are two minutes on the back, the second of which follows:—

"24 8^br 1699. Ordered that so much be paid to Tompson, as his part of ye sallary am^ts to; and so much more as the tax on ye whole office of reg^r am^ts to; and M^r Tompson is to give an acq^t to ye rec^r, and to see that the tax be p^d to the K^s coll^r."

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 198, on the above day:—

"Com^rs of Excise called in w^th M^r Noel & M^r Tompson. The petitions of Tompson & Burgess are read. Noel saies he never had any constitucon, but the patent for register; and when he was turned out, he had nothing more to doe: calling him sec^ry was nothing but courtesy, he did all as register. That the offices of reg^r & sec^ry are all one, and the office of reg^r was granted to him for life, and the reason why he doth not meddle w^th his sall^a is, because he is turned out; but he thinks himselfe intitled to ye office still.

"M^r Tompson saies in the patent it's said they had been sec^rys, & it grants to them ye office of reg^r." 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 11.] 56. Petition of Thomas Doleman for letters patent to allow him to hold the place of customer and collector of Newcastle in his own name, instead of the name of his trustee, who desired to be discharged of his trust.

Minuted:—"Read 11^th Oct. '99. Ref. C. C. to examine the allegacions."

Also a duplicate, with the following minute:—"Granted, if he will take it during the King's pleasure."

Undated. 1 *page.*

[?About Oct. 11.] 57. Petition of the clerks of the Privy Council to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of a year and a half's salary, for their attendance on the Council.

Minuted:—"11^th Oct. '99. To be p̃d accordingly." 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 11.] 58. Petition of John Jones of the borough town of Caermarthen, pewterer, to the Lords of the Treasury; begging them to expedite the payment of 83*l.* ordered by them to be paid him; he having in obedience to a late Act delivered into the Mint, in the Tower of London, one press, made for the sole use of making spoons, whereby he was deprived of the best part of his livelihood.

Minuted:—"11 Oct. '99. R. to Mr. Neale." 1 *page.*

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[About Oct. 11.] 59. Petition of John Herbert, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, for the rewards of 50*l.* and 40*l.* for the apprehension of Anthony, servant of Captain William Wintour [of Dymocke in the county of Gloucester, who was in a proclamation suspected of clipping and coining].

Also certificate of his committal by the Mayor and Justice of the Peace of the town and county of Haverfordwest.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Oct. '99. To examine w^t is allowed in y^e proclamac̃on & to be p̃d according to ye reward therein declar'd." 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 11.] 60 Petition addressed to the Lords of the Treasury by Alice Hierdson, widow, relict and late wife and executrix of the will of Augustine Hierdson, gent., deceased, who had been collector of the port of Poulton, in the county of Lancaster, and whose accounts the petitioner sought to have examined, and that in the meantime process might be stayed.

Minuted:—"Read 11^th Oct. 1699. R. to C. Customes." 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 61. Report of Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the account of Col. Christopher Codrington, late Governor in chief of the Leeward Caribbee Islands, in America, viz., as to whether all the revenue in specie or money, of the four and half *per cent.* in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, received by Col. Codrington or his agents, were duly charged in the said account, &c. Dated 12 Oct. 1699.

Ten enclosures, including copy of the minute thereon by the Lords of the Treasury; dated 14 Nov. 1699.

The following is the copy of the minute entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 216, 14 Nov. 1699:—

"Com^rs of Customes cald in, & Coll. Codrington & M^r Povey, M^r Hutcheson, ag^t to the late Coll. Codrington, cald in. Coll. C. saies the Com^rs in y^e Lew^d Islands charge a price certain, his father ought to be charged w^th what he actually & *bonâ fide* sold the goods for, he having done ye best for His Ma^ts service.

"M^r Hutcheson saies Coll. C. was necessitated to take ye goods in kind & sell them there, and offers the copy of a letter sent by him in 1691 to ye Comt^ee for Trade, advising ye contrary. He would have imployed severall to sell it at the Agency com[missi]on craved by him, which they refused, and at length he found severall that undertook it; that the prices sett by ye Com^rs are suppositious, but they were sold *bonâ fide* without collusion, & the Coll. is answerable for no more then ye reall price they were sold for; that the Coll. had no advantage but the 3 *per cent.*, w^ch cost him as much. And as to ye sugar taken by Chapman, he saies it was taken by Chapman by order of ye Councel there to buy powder; he was tre^r of the island, & Coll. C. was never charged w^th it. My Lords are satisfied in ye acc^ot, except 189. 16 .0½. craved for over rates, wastage, agency, & com^on of 562. 5. 3. surcharged in this acc^ot as rec^d by M^r Horne, the

1699. accomptant's agent in Antigoa, wch 189. 16. 0½. is disallowd, and except the sum of 297. 3. 0¾., pt of ye sum of 654. 9. 0. craved for comon, my Lords being willing to allow the remainder of ye 654. 9. 0. for his charge in passing accots & over seing his agents & his risque." 21 *pages.*

Oct. 13. 62. Letter signed "Dan. Butts," addressed to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., at his house near Westminster Abbey, enclosing his petition, and hoping something might be done to put an end to his account; there was no great occasion to stop his going to the West Indies, for he did not see but that he might have time to go to the East Indies before anything would be done in it; the soonest the Comrs of Transports proposed was when the next interest would become due on their debentures—when that would be, God knew. Dated 13 8ber 1699.

Accompanied by the petition. His claims were for the transport of Irish forces into France after the treaty and surrender of Limerick. 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 13.] 63. Petition of Robert Stephenson of Hampton Court, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had erected a house on Hampton Green for "the better conveniency of finding meat and drink for the King's gardeners employed at Hampton Court," who were before that forced to go as far as Teddington for their meat and drink, and so were not able to perform half a day's work; the King having seen the house ordered that he should be admitted to it by Lord Portland. He was admitted at a court by the steward for a fine of 5*l.*: prays that he might quietly enjoy the same, having heard that the cottages on the Green were about to be demolished.

Referred, on 13 Oct. 1699, to Samuel Travers, Esq., surveyor-general, to report upon. 1 *page.*

Oct. 3 and 14. 64. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, expressing the opinion that we ought to have a thousand tons of saltpetre in store at least, and having but 300 tons, submitting it to their Lordships whether they had not better contract for 500 tons with the East India Company. Dated 3 Oct. 1699.

Further letter on the same subject. Dated 14 Oct. 1699. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Oct. 14. 65. Memorial of the Paymaster of the Works, for a warrant to the auditor to allow the sums advanced by him, amounting to 3,221*l.* 8*s.* 4½*d.* Dated 14 Oct. '99.

Minuted:—"Lett Mr Powys search whether all these paymts were ordered at ye Trery. If so, a warrt to allow them on producing ye vouchrs." 1 *page.*

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Oct. 16. 1. The substance of the evidence given by divers persons before the Com^rs [of Customs], viz., Mr. Clarke, Mr. Godolphin, Mr. Henley, and Mr. Overton, in relation to the office and duties of head searcher. Their sittings were between 11 and 16 Oct. 1699. 7 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 2. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the carrying out the King's instructions, to allow to each non-commissioned officer and soldier of the late regiment of Dragoons (who came with their regiment from Flanders, the Marquis de Miremont being their colonel), 6*l.* each for their horses, amounting to 1,596*l.* Dated 17 Oct. 1699.

The list of men which accompanied the letter is not now with it.

Minuted:—"See whether M^r Hill & my Lord Ranelagh have charged themselves w^th the money for w^ch these horses were sold. See whether any deductions were made for these men for the time they were dismounted."

There is a further minute for a warrant for the said amount. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 18. 3*a*. Pensions and perpetuities other than such as are satisfied quarterly by tallies of *pro;* with their arrears stated to Michaelmas, 1699. Dated 18 Oct. 1699. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 3*b*. An account to the Lords of the Treasury, by the "Agents for Taxes, of w^t sumes of money have been reported by the said agents for extraordinary charges to any Receiv^rs Gen^ll for taxes, and are not yet payd." Dated 19 Oct. 1699. 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 3*c*. "An acc^t of the number of days the Com^rs sat in each county in England and Wales upon the 3^s. & 1^s. ayds and subsidies, and the sume due to them att 30^s *per diem.*" Dated 20 Oct. '99. 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 4. Representation of the Com^rs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c., urgently pressing for a supply; they could not find words to express the poor people's resentment at being kept out of their money, there being 61,102*l.* 14*s.* 2¼*d.* due to them. Dated 20 Oct. 1699. 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 20.] 5. Petition of Thomas Armstrong to the Lords of the Treasury, for a watchman's or noon-tender's place in the Custom-house; with a testimonial in his favour by the Duchess of Grafton, dated 30 Sept. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 20 Oct. 1699. My Lords cannot do this." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 6. Certificate of the sums paid by Henry de Nassau, Seignieur D'Auverquerque, master of the horse, at the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 21 Oct. 1699.

Also a memorandum of what was due in the King's stables for that and the following year. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 23. 7. Order in Council for the Treasurers of the Navy to proceed with all expedition in perfecting and passing their accounts, which were not yet made up, and for the Com^rs^ of the Navy to assist as much as they could. Dated 23 Oct. 1699. ½ *page.*

Oct. 23. 8. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of allowing an additional 100*l. per ann.*, for carrying on the duties of the office for Trade and Plantations, in consequence of a recent Act increasing the labour. Dated 23 Oct. 1699.

Minuted:—"Allowd. W^t^ signed." 1 *page.*

Oct. 24. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Timothy Parker, late supervisor of the duty on salt at Lemington, who they state had been very remiss in his duties, and was thought a person very unfit for that trust, and so dismissed. Dated 24 Oct. 1699.

With the petition, and a report made by Mr. Onslow to the Com^rs^ of Excise on the case.

Minuted—"My Lords are satisfied that his dismission was just." 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 24. 10. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of an allowance to Mr. Thomas Wolstenholme, collector of customs at Minhead, of a moiety of 68*l.* 4*s.* seized by him. Dated 24 Oct. 1699.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

(One enclosure.) 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 24. 11. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of William Clayton and others, merchants of Liverpool, concerning certain tobacco shipped for Ireland in 1689; in favour of the petitioners. Dated 24 Oct. 1699.

Minuted:—"A warr^t^ according to this report."

(Seven enclosures.) 9 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 12. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Com^rs^ of the Treasury, enclosing, by the King's direction, a bill of Lord Paget's disbursements, on account of the mediation of the peace between the Emperor [of Germany] and the Grand Seignior, as well of the 5,000*l.* already received, as of the further sums expended; applying for their payment. [The peace referred to is that of Carlowitz.] Dated 24 Oct. 1699.

Minuted:—"A s. m. [sign manual] to be prepared. The bill being first signed p Sec^ry^ of State. W^t^ signed."

The bill is not now with it. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? Oct. 25.] 13. "A list of [the officers belonging to the Penny Post Office charg'd in this present ayd tax, for granting His Majestie the sūme of 1,484,015^li^. 01. 11¾." from 1698 to 1699. Certified 25 Oct. 1699. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 26. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial and petition of William Hunt, concerning a complaint for a supposed neglect in proceeding to the recovery of the estate, by him discovered, of Michael Wicks, late receiver of the plantation duty; expressing their opinion that since Mr. Wicks had been covered with the privilege of Parliament, the clerks, attorneys, &c. had been very scrupulous and wary in proceeding against him. Dated 26 Oct. 1699.

Five enclosures, one of which is entitled,—"Writings and papers found in M^r Wickes his closet."

Minuted:—"Read againe 5 Xbr. '99. My Lords can doe nothing in this at present." 18 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 15. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to Sir David Mitchell. The King was informed that the accounts of Sir David, as captain of a company of marines, were stated, signifying the King's pleasure that he should state the accounts with the men, that the money might be paid. Dated 26 Oct. 1699. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Oct. 26.] 16. Memorial of Edward Eve, of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that a petition lay in Mr. Glanvill's hand relating to the several carriers who were prosecuted in the Exchequer for carrying letters contrary to the statute of the late King Charles, by which there was a penalty of 5*l.* for every offence; praying a grant of the power to compound the King's moiety of the penalty and stop the prosecution.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Oct. '99. Rejected, but the carryers may apply to the Postm^r Gen^ll." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 30. 17. Report of Sir R. Cotton, Kt., and Sir Tho. Frankland, Bart., Postmasters General, upon a proposal made to the Lords of the Treasury, for improving the penny post, by letting it to farm. Dated 30 Oct. 1699.

Accompanied by the proposal, part of which was, to deliver letters from the general post in towns and places where the letters from the general post came not, otherwise than by special messengers, who took three pence, six pence, and sometimes twelve pence above the common postage of letters; whereas in the way proposed, it would be but one penny, or what the inhabitants pleased to give; and this to be performed by several persons, appointed to go the rounds and bring back letters and parcels. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 18. Copy of the foregoing report. Dated 30 Oct. 1699.

Also "the answer of y^e proposers for farming the Penny Post to the report of y^e postmasters generall."

Minuted:—"8 Feb. 1699. My Lords, upon discoursing w^th the postma^r, are of opinion that this branch cannot be farmed." 4 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 19. Letter signed E. D. Colt, to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., seeking that the stop might be taken off, so that the captains in his regiment might receive their half pay. Dated 31 Oct. 1699. 1 *page.*

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July 24 and Oct. 31. 20. Copy of "Mr Sollr Genlls opinion on ye case of ye manufacturers of glass wares at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, wth respect to debentures past by ye officers of ye customes at yt Port." Dated 24 July 1699. Together with a report signed by W. Whitfeild and two others, sending the above.
Minuted:—"Received ult. Oct. '99. 2½ *pages.*

[Oct.] 21. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General on the petition of Isaac Marriott, gent., who prayed that a commission might be issued to inspect concealments, &c. Without date: but it was referred to them for their consideration on 12 July 1669, and it was subsequent to the other papers, one or two of which are dated late in September.
Also divers other papers (two printed), relating to concealments, encroachments, and other defective titles. 18 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 22. Debtor and creditor accounts of specie cash in the management of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, on the fifth and sixth contracts, up to various dates between April and October 1699. 6 *parts of pages.*

[? About Oct.] 23. [*Indorsement*]. "Petition of Francis, Earle of Carlinford, [addressed to the King], sheweth, That by the death of his two elder brothers, he inherits his father's estate. That he is informed his brother, the late Earle Nicholas, took up from Sr Patrick Trant and Rob. Arthur, to the value as some report, of 6 or 8,000*l.*, but noe deeds can be found to charge the estate therewith. That His Maty caused the petrs castle of Ballimote to be demolished for publick convenience; for wch King Charles proposed to pay 4,000li. That his brother, being envoy to the Emperour, contracted a debt of 4,000li, for wch the petr became bound; there being due to him from the crown on that accot, 4,906li.
Prays his estate may be discharged from the said uncertaine debt of 6 or 8,000li; His Imperiall Maty and the Dutchess of Lorraine being suitors to His Maty on the petrs behalfe."
Undated; but see the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 205, for 1 Nov. 1699, where is the following minute:—
"Letter from Lords Justices on the petition of Lord Carlingford, and the report concerning the same are read, for mortgages forfeited by Sr Patrick Trant and Robert Arthur, amounting to about 8,000li, and the damage by demolishing a castle; my Lords are to examine farther into this matter, by speaking with Mr. South; and if it be clear that his Maty is like to get nothing of those mortgages, he is inclined to gratify the petitioner." 1 *page.*

Nov. 1. 24. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, sending by the King's command, the state of the French demands, in relation to the goods found in York Fort, in Hudson's Bay, when the same was surrendered upon capitulation to Capt. Allen, in the year 1696: together with Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor's opinion thereupon, with which His Majesty would have their Lordships

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acquaint the Hudson's Bay Company, and press their compliance with the 8th article of the treaty of Ryswick; by the restitution of the goods that came to their hands, or by payment of the value thereof. Dated 1 Nov. 1699. [See also other papers on this subject, No. 62.]

Accompanied by,—(1.) a letter from him of 22 May 1699, to their Lordships, stating that the Com^rs appointed by His Majesty to treat with the French ambassador, &c. upon the matter in the said article, had represented that they had adjusted with the French Com^rs, the value of the goods taken from the French at Fort Bourbon in Hudson's Bay, which by the treaty were to be restored according to the capitulation made at the surrender of the fort, amounting to 7,086*l.* 17*s.*, it being agreed that there were 19,623 beaver skins taken in the fort, at 7*s.* a skin, and 547 elk skins, at 8*s.* a skin; but it still remained to be resolved, by whom that sum should be paid [to the French], whether by the company or by His Majesty; leaving it to their Lordships to consider and report their opinion.

(2.) State of the matter concerning the French demands, in relation to the goods found in York Fort, in Hudson's Bay, and the report of the law officers thereon, viz., that the property of the said goods continued in the French. Dated 26 Sept. 1699.

(3.) The petition of Charles Fleury, authorized by the Court of France, to reclaim in England the effects belonging to the company, and to Mons. Gabriel Forrest, late Governor of Fort Bourbon, deceased; praying for payment of the 7,086*l.* 17*s.* previously mentioned.

(4.) Articles of composition between Wm. Allen, commander-in-chief in Hays river, and Mons. G. De "La Fores," commander of York Fort, 31 Aug. '96.

(5.) Instructions to Capt. Allen, commander of the "Bonaventure," relative to the surrender of York Fort, viz., if he became master of it to deliver the same to Capt. Bayly, for the use of the Hudson's Bay Company. 4 June 1696.

(6.) Letter of Sir William Trumbull to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them to give directions for the delivery up, to any person deputed by the Hudson's Bay Company, of the goods, chiefly skins, taken by Capt. Allen in York Fort; he having brought them away contrary to his instructions. 3 Nov. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 217, 15 Nov. 1699, is:—

"The minutes about Hudson's Bay Comp^a are read. My Lords are to send to the company again: that if they do not pay the money, the Attorney Generall shall proceed against them." 10 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 25. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jonathan Ambrose, finding that the facts were truly stated by the petitioner; and that his account as well as the master and workers' could not be perfected and declared without their Lordships' warrant. Dated 1 Nov. '99.

The petition of the said Jonathan Ambrose, melter to the Mint

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in the Tower of London. Upon receiving the old money he was ordered to give their Lordships a proposal for melting and casting the ingots and seissell into small bars, and making up the sweep of each fund by itself, which he did at ¾*d.* a pound Troy, the King bearing the waste, &c.; praying an order to the auditor to allow the waste.

Minuted:—"A warrt according to ye report. Wt signed 10th Novr 1699." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 26. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Cole, recommending that he be allowed to exchange his employment as surveyor of Customs at Dublin, with the landwaiter at Bristol; as it seemed to the Comrs "an exchange for mutual accomodation." Dated 3 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

(Four enclosures.) 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

Nov. 4. 27. Petition of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields to the Lords of the Treasury. The King had granted a passage for the use of the inhabitants through part of the wilderness into St. James's Park; praying them to appoint John Eldborough doorkeeper of the passage. 25 signatures.

Minuted:—"My Lords will speak wth Mr Ryly about this."

The last minute at the end of the next letter is in reference to this petition.

Letter of the Earl of Bath (not addressed, but most likely to Mr. Lowndes), stating that he had seen a warrant of their Lordships to Philip Ryley, Esq., relating to encroachments in St. James's Park; reminding their Lordships that he had a grant as ranger of the park, and that though they might appoint a surveyor to inspect such abuses, &c., yet when that was done and any new orders made he was the proper officer to carry them out; praying for a recall of the said warrant [*Minuted:*—"The orders to be sent to ye E. of Bath]; he conceives the orders in the warrant are very good, with certain exceptions, which he states. He mentions that a piece of ground was annexed to the lodge planted with a wilderness and nursery for the does and fawns to retire into, especially when big with young; and further, when he purchased the lodge of the Rt. Hon. William Harbord, Esq., deceased, he found it was converted into a public house of entertainment, which he thought unfit and scandalous, and therefore restored it to its proper use. The letter also mentions some other particulars touching the park, such as the proposed stopping up of a door, proposal for the supply of the soldiers with refreshments by the gatekeepers, and accounts of expenses of the deer. Dated 4 Nov. 1699.

In the margins are the following minutes:—

"My Lords do not see any reason to move ye K. for any [other] direction concerning this dore then that wch His Maty gave for shutting it up."

"All the alehouses & publique houses to be putt downe."

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"Lett the accots [*i.e.*, the payments for the deer] be brought to W. L."

"Lett Mr Travers & Mr Ryly doe this [*i.e.*, survey unlawful encroachments]."

"To the E. of B. That my Lords, on recommendation of the parish, approve of John Eldborough to be dore keeper, & desire his Lop to imploy him, but so that ye K. be at no charge." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 28. Letter signed James Roach, to John Smith, Esq., Chancellor of the Exchequer, saying that he had attended the Lords Justices with the papers relating to his petition to the King, and those from the Lords of the Treasury; and their Excellencies had made a very kind report thereon to their Lordships, which he had delivered to Mr. Lownds, with a list of forfeited estates, amounting to 95*l.* 19*s.* 4*d. per ann.*; their Excellencies recommended a grant thereof to him, and that he should relinquish his titles to all the ferries but Ross; the report was drawn when he was sick and away from Dublin, or he would have acquainted their Excellencies that besides Ross he had sold that of Waterford and Dungarvan, and those of Narrow Water, Laughill, Donegall *alias* Passage, Rock Coursey, and Kinsaile, all the rest he would gladly surrender, and accept the 95*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* a year, and never more trouble His Majesty, though he was the most miserable subject living; no words could express his pain; he had come over at the hazard of his life, and from Chester, in a horse litter, with a surgeon attending him day and night; he had come over for the sake of his five children, and prayed for some royal bounty in addition to the land. Dated 6 Nov. 1699.

Accompanied by copy of two medical certificates, that he was suffering from fistula.

Minuted:—"Read 29 Xber 1699. My Lords can do nothing in this; he must be contented wth what ye K. has ordered."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 213, 10 Nov. 1699, is:—"James Roach for forfeited lands in Ireland, amounting to 95*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* (*sic*) *per annum*, on a surrender to be first made, *prout* ye report of ye Lords Justices, is granted without making any surrender." And again at p. 269, 7 Feb. 1699:—"James Roch to have 50li." 2 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 6.] 29. Memorial of Mary Burton, wife of Charles Burton, lieutenant in the late second marine regiment, commanded by Sir "Cloudsly" Shovell. She had petitioned the Board for 100*l.*, part of the arrears due to her husband, who was a prisoner for debt; which petition was minuted that it should be paid; prays for her husband's liberty.

Minuted:—"6 Nov. '99. See whether any money can be found applicable to this." 1 *page.*

Nov. 8. 30. Memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, for the assignment of moneys to pay bills of exchange, for salt, for necessary and extra-necessary money for ships, for provision of beef, pork, and peas. Dated 8 Nov. 1699. 1 *pape.*

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1699. [About Nov. 8.] 31. Petition of Nathaniel Lacey, one of the executors of John Jones, deceased, to whom John Shales and John Hinde, deceased, were indebted in 6,000*l.*, who were also indebted to Sir Edw. Wood and Anthony Stephens, deceased. Wood and Stephens had obtained an assignment of Hinde's estate to secure their respective debts; prays that after the charges of Wood and Stephens had been satisfied any other portion of estate of the said Hinde might be proportionably divided.

Minuted:—"8 Nov. '99. Send this to S^r^ Edw. Wood & M^rs^ Stephens to know if they have any objection thereunto. 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 9.] 32. Letter of Wm. Holman to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Smith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, praying their "Lordships" to direct payment to be made him out of the tallies on salt or leather, of 2,697*l.* due to him for hire of his ship in carrying provisions to Newfoundland.

Minuted:—"Read, 9 Nov. 1699. The Com^rs^ of Victuall present; this is a debt in y^e^ transport office, and they could not apply tallys (if they had them) to this service." 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 33. A memorial of Mr. Henry Baker, proposing that an itinerant collector of the journals to be kept by the riding officers on the coasts, and the supervisors of the same officers, be appointed, and if their Lordships approve of such an officer, recommending Mr. Parker, who had lately been at Calais and Dunkirk, and had made many useful observations amongst the dealers in wool there, as a fit person for the office. Dated 9 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read, 14 Nov. '99. My Lords expect that he take care to have this service performed w^th^out any further charge. And my Lords approve Mr. Parker as a fitt person for the service, and think that M^r^ Baker should employ him." 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 34. Report of Sir Robert Cotton, Kt., and Sir Tho. Frankland, Bart., Postmasters General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Finch, postmaster of Sandwich, for allowance of certain sums for which he was denied credit. Dated 9 Nov 1699.

Also the petition and two other documents.

One is *Minuted:*—"W^t^ signed 18 Nov. 1700." 4½ *pages.*

Nov. 9. 35. Memorial of Christopher Tilson to the Lords of the Treasury. At the passing of the accounts of the land revenue to Michaelmas 1698, the auditors were required to transmit schedules, containing the arrears depending *in super* upon the foot of the accounts, and thereupon the auditor of the Duchy of Cornwall had transmitted a schedule of the like *supers.* He had nominated Mr. Thomas Gouch to levy and collect the arrears, and proposed that instead of payment by fees, an allowance of poundage be made of 3*s.* in the pound for arrears of 10 years standing, and 2*s.* in the pound, under 10 years. Dated 9 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 10^th^ Nov^r^ 1699. Tilson to prepare such orders for this as well as the matter in his other mem^ll^ as shalbe necessary." 1 *page.*

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[About Nov. 9.] 36. Petition of Alice Wilson, widow, to the King. Her husband often hazarded his life for the preservation of the King and government in the late Lancashire plot; the petitioner's fortune was spent in the service; the King allowed them 20*s.* a week; her husband died, and she parted with all her goods during his sickness: prays the allowance of some subsistence.

Rec^d 9 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 24 Jan. 1700. My Lords canot advise the granting of this pension." 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 37. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Overton. The under-searchers in the port of London having obtained the office of head searcher in that port, to be in them, they were become a comptroll upon themselves, which might prove a great detriment to the revenue: they show the proceedings which had taken place, to ascertain whether the under-searchers had so obtained the office of head searcher or not. Dated 9 Nov. 1699.

(Three enclosures.) 8½ *pages.*

Nov. 9. 38. Petition of the officers, ministers, and attendants of His Majesty's English and Dutch trains of artillery, employed for reducing Ireland, for payment of their arrears. Dated 9 Nov. 1699. 1 *page.*

Nov. 10. 39. Letter of the Duke of Schonberg, unaddressed. The Com^rs of the Post Office could no longer defer stopping the 3*s.* aid out of the 4,000*l. per ann.* payable to him; and the King having ordered the deduction to be made good, in consideration of the small interest paid him for the 100,000*l.*, it was done by warrant from the Treasury. Mr. Montague and Mr. Smith promised to lay the matter before the King, that a warrant might be obtained as formerly; and further to lay his petition before the King, relating to the ground rent of a house purchased, and since built for his own dwelling in Pall Mall. He adds that he should endeavour to make a suitable acknowledgment for the favour expected from the person to whom sent. Dated 10 Nov. 1699. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 10.] 40. Petition of the yeomen of the guard to the King, to take the tax off their pay.

Minuted:—"10^th 9ber '99. The King orders their taxes to be remitted. A bill to be made out & to be satisfyed by the Treär of the chamber."

There is also a minute to the same effect in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 213, on that day. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Nov. 10.] 41. Report of William Vanburgh, treasurer of the Chamber, on the taxes of the yeomen of the guard, from 1697 to 1699. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 11. 42. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, proposing an additional establishment for the better guard of the coast from Beaumaris to Carlisle, at the suggestion of

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Mr. James Strangwayes, the riding surveyor for the coast of Lancashire, Westmoreland, and Cumberland. Dated 11 Nov. 1699.
Minuted:—"To prepare the establishm^t. W^t signed." 1¼ *pages.*

Nov. 11. 43. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Robert Smalman and other merchants, relating to the duty of 1*d.* per pound on tobacco imported between 24 Dec. 1698 and 26 Jan. following. Dated 11 Nov. 1699.
Accompanied by an account of the tobacco imported at the different ports in Ireland during that time.
Minuted:—"Read 21 Nov. '99. My Lords are of opinion that the sum in dispute ought to be paid." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 14. 44. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Richard Levit, in behalf of himself and other merchant adventurers, for the coast of Guinea, to be allowed to export 15 hundredweight of worsted spun yarn, to complete the ship's lading, as had been usually granted in like cases, to the company trading to Guinea. Dated 14 Nov. 1699.
Minuted:—"My Lords cannot give the liberty now desired, and lett the lycence granted to the comp^a be sent for, and layd before ye counsel as fitt to be recald."
(One enclosure.) 2 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 14.] 45. Petition of Richard Poyke, Thomas Smith, William Buckingham, and Solomon Smith, showing that since they proved the disaffection and ill practices of the messengers, they had been prosecuted at the King's suit in the Court of King's Bench, and further, that their prosecution would be rather a grateful revenge to the Jacobite party, (whose practices they had often discovered,) than an advantage to the King; praying that they might not be sacrificed to the interests of malicious persons, that proceedings might be stopped, and that the matter might be referred to an unbiassed person.
"Read 14 Nov. 1699." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 14.] 46. Report signed "Chr. Montagu," to the Lords of the Treasury, on his examination of lists or accounts of three of the chief clerks in the office of Tellers of the Exchequer, concerning guineas received by them at 22*s.* a piece, and as to whether they ought to remain unissued.
Minuted:—"Brought 14 Nov^r 1699. A warrant to issue these guineys at 1^l 1^s 6^d apiece, and the 6^ds are to be allowed to the respective tellers by the aud^r of the rec^t & clerk of the Pells, in their accounts of the respective fonds and branches upon which these guineas are rec^d and paid. W^t signed *eod. die.*"
The said lists and other papers. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 15. 47. Letter of the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, on the petition of Mr. Philip Papillon, respecting victualling affairs. Dated 15 Nov. 1699.

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Minuted :—"Read 21 Nov. '99. The late Com^rs of Victuall ordered to be here on Friday morn at 9 a clock."
Also the said petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 48. Report of Sir. Chr. Wren and other officers of works, on the memorial of James Frontin, yeoman of His Majesty's ice wells at Hampton Court, viz., as to the amount required to put them in repair. Dated 15 Nov. 1699.
Minuted :—"Approved."
The following, which relates to the above, is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 255, 17 Jan. 1699 :—"Estimate of 68^li for the ice-house, approved." *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 49. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the estimate for building the barracks, which would be exceeded by about 19,662*l.* 0*s.* 2¼*d.* : proposing the payment of the same out of the money that would be saved by the disbanding five regiments, and on other matters connected with the pay of the army. Dated 16 Nov. 1699.
The estimate referred to.
Minuted :—"14^th Mar. '99. What is desired as to the barracks is orderd."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 7, 14 March 1699-1700 :—"Lords Justices letter read concerning the barracks, & a new regulation of subs., &c. What is desired as to ye barracks is orderd. As to the other matters in the said letter, my Lords are to speak w^th ye Earl of Ranelagh & M^r Blathwaite." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 50. Letter of the Com^rs for the Revenue in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the expenses for prosecution of persons supposed to be guilty of the late rebellion ; and concerning the management of the money arising from the forfeited estates. They report that for carrying on the inquiries and prosecutions 850*l.* had been expended the last summer, and that 800*l.* more would be necessary. Dated 16 Nov. 1699. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 18. 51. Letter of the same to the same, applying for their consent that they might agree with Mr. Chas. Steuart, who had brought in a hearth-money bond of considerable value, and with such others as should offer the like service, upon the best terms they could [*Minuted :*—"Approved, not exceeding ¼^th ; but they are to make as good a bargain as they can."] ; also concerning encumbering the accounts with desperate arrears of Inland Excise and licences, occasioned by the late troubles. [*Minuted :*—"These arrears to be carryed forw^d in y^e accounts in one gen^ll article, under ye name of insolvent arreares."] Dated 18 Nov. 1699. 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 19.] 52. Petition to the King, of the daughters of William Harbord, Esq., deceased, who had been paymaster of the forces in the reduction of Ireland, and whose executors were anxious to pass his accounts, on which there was a balance of 651*l.* 5*s.* 1¼*d.* due : pressing for payment. They urge that their father died at Belgrade on his em-

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bassy to the Ottoman Port, which was very prejudicial to their fortunes.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 19 Nov. 1699.

Accompanied by, "A particular of the demands of the petitioners which the auditor, before whom their account now lies, requires His Majesty's further warrant for allowing thereof."

There are divers minutes in the margin against the particular items, and the following is at the foot:—"My Lords order that this acc^{o} be forthwth passed, & y^{t} the ballance be paid into the Excheq^{r} of England." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 53. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the establishment of a Bank of Charity for disabled officers of the Salt Office, according to the rules prescribed for disabled officers of Excise by the warrant dated 1 Feb. 1686, which directed the deduction of 3*d.* in the pound from the salaries of the officers. Dated 21 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Nov. 21. 54. Report of John Parkhurst and John Paschal to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Poulton, executor of Capt. Thomas Poulton, and of Patience Misters, administratrix of Capt. George Misters, commander of the King's ship the "Coventry," concerning a prize captured by Capt. Rigby and carried into Leghorn; for the proceeds of which the petitioners prayed. Dated 21 Nov. 1699.

(Three enclosures.) 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 23. 55. An order in Council, on the petition of Margaret Maurice, widow of the late Dean of Londonderry, praying for a pension of 60*l.* *per ann.*, lately belonging to Mrs. Ann Humphreys, deceased, until the remaining 200*l.* of 500*l.* granted to the petitioner were paid; referring the matter to the Treasury. Dated 23 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 7 June 1700. To be layd before y^{e} King. The pet^{rs} allegations are true.

"25 June 1700. The rest of the 500*l.* to be paid by 50*l.* a year in Ireland. W^{t} signed."

The following is also in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 85, 25 June 1700:—"Marg^{t} Maurice['s] petition for 200^{li}, residue of 500^{li}, w^{ch} was intended to be paid to her in Ireland, by a warr^{t} signd by y^{e} late Queen, dated 5th Oct. 1694, read. Ordered to be paid by 50^{li} a year in Ireland." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 28. 56. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, about an overcharge of 547*l.* 10*s.*, on the head of military contingencies, &c.; asking for the King's order thereon. Dated 28 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"Prepare a letter." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 28. 57. Copy of letter of the same to the same, concerning small quantities of woollen manufacture found on board outward-bound vessels, &c. Dated 28 Nov. 1699. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

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[? About Nov. 28.] 58. "Necessaries de termino Sancti Michaelis, anno regni xj° Gulielmi tertii R^is^, anno dom. 1699."
The expenses in the schedule are such as would chiefly be paid by the stationery department.
[Michaelmas term ended 28 November.] 1 *long page.*

Feb. 15–Nov. 29. 59. Sixteen letters of H., Bishop of London, to the Lords of the Treasury, soliciting the "usual bounty of twenty pounds" for the following chaplains going abroad:—
1. Mr. Rogerson (Feb. 15) } [It is not stated where they were
2. Mr. Bolton (May 8) } going.]
(Another brief note accompanies this.)
Minuted:—"To be paid."
3. Mr. Thomas Walton, chaplain to the Barbadoes. Dated 25 May 1699.
4. Mr. Wm. Gordon, schoolmaster to the Barbadoes, 27 May '99.
5. Mr. Peter Kippax, chaplain to Virginia, 3 June '99.
6. Mr. Lithgo (July 7), going to the plantations.
7. Mr. Rudd (Aug. 7), going to Virginia.
Minuted:—"To be p^d^ by warr^ts^."
8. Mr. Owen (Aug. 8), going suddenly to Maryland.
9. Mr. Samuel Thomas (Aug. 9), going to America.
10. Mr. Walker (Aug. 30), going to Virginia.
11. Mr. Morison (Sept. 4), going to the Leeward Islands.
12. Mr. Jones, chaplain to Maryland (Sept. 5).
13. Messrs. Coliere, Thursby, and Owen (Sept. 14), going over with the Governor to Maryland.
14. Mr. Young (Oct. 6), going to Virginia.
15. Mr. Wait (Oct. 19), going to Maryland.
16. Mr. Alsop (Nov. 29), going to Jamaica.
Minuted:—"A warr^t^ for this."
Twelve of these are imperfectly dated, the year being left out; but by comparison of them with the money-book they probably belong to 1699. 13 *parts of pages.*

[About Nov. 30.] 60. Report of Sir Chr. Wren and the other principal officers of the King's works, on an estimate of certain trifling works at Kensington. Referred to them on 30 Nov. 1699. 1 *page.*

Nov. 61. An estimate for building a guard-house, 16 feet long, 13 wide, and 8 feet high. Dated Nov. 1699.
With a certificate signed Chr. Wren and Matthew Bankes, that they were of opinion that the guard-house, with the alteration made by the King's direction, would amount to 83*l.* 1 *page.*

[? About Nov.] 62. (1.) Petition of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, to the Lords of the Treasury. They were the first that settled the beaver trade in that north part of America called Hudson's Bay; they had a flourishing trade, until the French at Canada formed some piratical expeditions against them

1699. in 1682 and 1686, and took some of their places and quantities of beaver [? skins] and other goods; which was a notorious breach of faith between the two crowns: upon an examination of the case the late King James demanded full satisfaction and restitution, which was agreed to, and would have been performed, but for the Revolution. They had trusted to receive satisfaction for damages at the conclusion of the war; but the Com^rs who had to determine the rights and pretensions the King had to Hudson's Bay (which, by the treaty of Ryswick, was the first point to be considered), had yielded to the French a demand for 7,000*l.* for goods of the petitioners, rightfully recovered from them, which was out of order in itself, as the right of the natives had not been answered; the petitioners had a demand upon the French for above 120,000*l.*; the petitioners were utterly unable to meet the demand for the 7,000*l.*; it would be their ruin and that of above 50 families. They pray their Lordships to represent their case to the King, and to intercede with him to use his authority to obtain satisfaction of their damages, and restitution of their places.

(2.) "Minutes relating to the Hudson's Bay Company," containing an account of what the gentlemen of that company testified on 10 Nov. 1699, before the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to their company, viz., they were unable to restore the value of the goods taken in Fort Bourbon, according to the King's pleasure; they were robbed by the French of 120,000*l.* It cost 15 or 16,000*l.* to recover the fort; by the policy of the French they had little or no trade there the last year; the goods were over-rated, those rated at 7*s.* per pound were worth but 5*s.*; they had paid near 2,000*l.* for customs and taxes, and the value would be but 3,000*l.*; they desired all parts of the treaty to be performed; the war was in part through their wrongs; the French retook the fort, and were obliged by the treaty of Ryswick to restore it; but they kept it. The company was incorporated in 1670. In 1680 the stock rose from 100*l.* to near 1,000*l.* In 1682 the French invaded them and took away 15,000*l.* value. In 1682 Mons. Armond took a ship, value 10,000*l.* In 1686 King James demanded satisfaction from France; then the Jesuits procured a neutrality for America, and knew by that time they were in possession of Albany Fort. In 1687 they made infraction of their treaty and took the Hayes sloop. In 1688 they took three ships, value 15,000*l.* In all 113,000*l.* dammage, in time of peace. The war was made in part for these dammages. In 1692 the company set our four ships to recover Albany Fort, taken in 1686. In 1694 the French took York, *alias* Bourbon Fort. In 1696 the English retook it from them. On the 4th Sept. 1697, the French retook it and kept it. The peace was made 20 Sept. 1697.

By the seventh or eighth article, there should be a treaty for the right to the whole bay. The French intercepted the trade, and the company could not hold out two years. They desired the right of the whole bay might be settled, and that Fort York might be delivered to them according to the treaty, and that their poverty might be represented to the King. [The paper of which this is the abstract is copied from the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 211.]

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(3.) The case of the Hudson's Bay Company briefly stated; recapitulating a great deal that is set out in the above papers.

(4.) An account of custom and impost paid His Majesty upon beaver and other skins, brought to Plymouth from Hudson's Bay, in the ship "Bonadventure," *anno* 1696; and other incident charges.

(5.) An account of beaver skins, &c. which were by His Majesty's order delivered to the Hudson's Bay Company for their use in December 1696, valued at 5,127*l.* 19*s.*

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K." 5 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[About Nov. 30.] 63. Petition of Henry Olding to the King. He had previously petitioned the King, in respect of the service done him, in being instrumental in preserving his life when threatened by two dangerous rutfians, viz., Patick Conningham and William Smith, upon which the Lords of the Treasury ordered him 50*l.* for present relief, in part of his three years' charges, amounting to more than 300*l.*, besides the King's accustomed bounty. Prays for the King's bounty and that the case might be referred to the Lord Chief Baron Ward and the Attorney-General.

Minuted:—"Read 30 Nov. '99."

Also copies of two certificates as to the facts made out by the petitioner. These were enclosed in an Order of Council, of which nothing but the back remains. 3 *pages.*

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Dec. 1. 1. Report of Sir Chr. Wren and two others on Mr. Talman's estimate of works at Hampton Court. Dated 1 Dec. 1699.

Minuted:—"Order that in Mr. Talman's work the alterations be made according to the King's direction in y^e^ margin."

"To M^r^ Talman to give an acco^t^ of the work in y^e^ King's owne apartm^t^ w^ch^ was done last sūmer."

The report is accompanied by the estimate of Mr. Wm. Talman, of the several works which His Majesty was pleased to direct should be done at Hampton Court, amounting to 5,514*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* Dated 28 Nov. 1699.

Minuted:—"(1) To be layd before ye K. (2) To be referd to ye works to consider this estimate and make their report. (3) To S^r^ Chr. Wren & the rest of ye princip^ll^ officers of ye works." 10½ *pages.*

June 29 to Dec. 2. 2. Several papers touching the security to be given by Mr. Mordant, on entering upon the place of Treasurer of the Ordnance. Dated between 29 June and 2 Dec. 1699.

The last relates also to the appointment of a deputy.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 223, 27 Nov. 1699, is :—

"Board of Ordnance & Coll° Mordaunt. Board acquaint my Lords that Coll° Mordaunt has given security for the office of Treasurer of the Ordnance, and desire the privy seal may now pass, for authorizing Mr. Bertie to pay over the remain in his hands as late trer." 13 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 3. Letter signed R. Yard, to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing copy of Capt. Kidd's commission, and of the warrant to the Lord Chancellor to affix the great seal to it. Dated 3 Dec. 1699.

The commission is not now with it, nor is the warrant, but there is a copy of a grant of all ships' merchandize, &c. captured by Captain William Kidd, of the ship "Adventure," galley, from Thomas Too, John Ireland, Thomas Wake, and William Mace or Maze, or other pirates since the 13 April 1696, made by the King to Richard Earl of Bellomont, Edmund Harrison, merchant, Samuel Newton, gentleman, William Rowley, gentleman, George Watson, gentleman, and Thomas Renolls of St. Martin's, who had been at the expense of fitting out the ship. Dated [ ] April 1697. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 4. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the "entertainment" allowed to them yearly, as chief governors of that kingdom, part of which had arisen from the wool licences, the fees on which the merchants had refused to pay; asking them to move the King to authorize them to receive out of his revenue the "medium" amount of fees for licences (about 4,000*l. per ann.*) during their government. Dated 4 Dec. 1699.

There is a minute on the dorse, to the effect that the papers should be looked out to be laid before the King.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 243, 22 Dec. 1699, is :—

"Write to the Lords Justices, that it is His Mats pleasure, that the fees for the wool lycences be taken as formerly, and if any refuse, proceed at law according to the report of Mr Attorny & Mr Sollicitor Genll." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 5. Letter of the officers of the Ordnance concerning allowance to be made to Mr. Bertie, their late treasurer, for continuing to carry on the business of the office. Dated 4 Dec. '99.

Also a letter of the said Mr. Bertie.

Minuted :—"To be layd before ye K. Kensington. 13th Decr '99. My Lords are to speak with Mr. Mordant about it." 2 *pages* (*quarto.*)

Dec. 4. 6. Mr. Travers's memorial concerning finishing the enlargement of the Little Park at Windsor: about 5,000*l.* had been and would require to be paid, for lands purchased of divers persons and for the ferry; for the wall, cleaning the river from Longford to Hampton Court, and other services, &c.: beyond which 6,000*l.* or more would be required; he therefore moved their Lordships for an additional order to Mr. Roberts, for 6,731*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* Dated 4 Dec. 1699.

Minuted :—"A warrt for this to Mr Roberts."

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 105, 19 July 1700, is:—
"1,100li out of the civil list fonds to be issued to Mr Roberts on his order for purchasing lands & inclosing them for ye park at Windsor, wch 1,100li with 100*l.* already paid him is ye consideration money, for wch before ye paymt thereof, a good & sufficient conveyance is to be made to ye King, by him & his mortgagees of ye ferry at Datchet." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 5.] 7. Petition of Robert McNeall of Coleraine in Ireland, Esq., stating that in 1695, he discovered to the Comrs of Revenue for Ireland a forfeiture of 1,000*l.* *per ann.*, forfeited by the rebellion in 1641; praying an allowance for his charges, according to his contract with the Comrs, and that their Lordships would name the share he was to have of the discovery, and that they would order a present trial to recover the King's possession.
"Recd 5th Dec. '99." 1 *page.*

Dec. 7. 8. Copy of a decree of the Court of Exchequer, confirming the report of the Deputy Remembrancer, appointing that the Royal African Company should pay within a fortnight to His Majesty, at the receipt of the Exchequer, 1,612*l.* 10*s.* appearing due from the company, who were defendants in a suit with the Crown; viz. for the King's moiety, and the forfeitures of all ships and goods seized for trading within the limits of the company, &c. 573*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*, and for the King's portion of ships, goods, and other matters, taken by the company as prize, from the subjects of the French King, during the late war 1,039*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* Dated 7 Dec. Mich. Term, 11 Will. III. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 9. Copy of Order in Council referring the petition of Thomas Baker, the King's agent and consul at Algiers and Tripoli, to their consideration. Dated 7 Dec. 1699.
In the petition he prayed to be reimbursed about 6,000 dollars, which he had laid out for the redemption of captives, and that he might have some employment.
Accompanied by the copy of the petition. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 10. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Vernon, Knt., and Thomas Vernon, Esq., merchants of London; praying that certain wool from Smyrna and Cypress might come in free; viz. as to the payment of an "*ad valorem*" duty; giving their opinion that there was no cause why that and other wool used in the clothing manufacture should not be free. Dated 7 Dec. 1699.
Minuted:—"Read 12 Dec. '99. The duty *ad valorem* is appropriated and cannot be remitted." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 11. An account of freight due for shipping employed in the transport service. Dated 8 Dec. 1699. 1 *page.*

Dec. 9. 12. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of the weighing porters of the port of London

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receiving an addition of 5*l.* *per ann.* to their salary, in consequence of the falling off of certain branches of the revenue, &c. Dated 9 Dec. 1699.
Minuted:—"Agreed. W^t signed." 1 *page.*

Dec. 9. 13. Letter of the agents for Taxes to William Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring him to move their Lordships that a commission might be granted to Thomas Deane, as one of the surveyors for the duties on marriages, births, &c. and on houses, at a salary of 70*l.* *per ann.* Dated 9 Dec. 1699. 1 *page.*

Dec. 11. 14. Two separate opinions on the question whether the King had power to grant the inheritance of such manors and rents as he had in expectancy, viz., on the determination of several leases and on the death of the Queen Dowager.
One signed "Ed. Lutwych," and the other "Nath. Wright."
Both dated 11 Dec. 1699. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 15. Letter of the Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them an estimate of the debt of that office, and reminding them of the debt due to the train of artillery that served for reducing Ireland; amounting to near 13,000*l.* Dated 12 Dec. 1699.
Accompanied by the said estimate. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 16. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, of a proper establishment for the guard of the coast from Beaumaris to Carlisle. [The establishment is not with the presentment.] Dated 12 Dec. 1699.
Minuted:—"Order'd. W^t signed." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 13.] 17. Petition of Jeremy Boreman, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed deputy searcher to Christopher Stockdale and Anthony Meeke in the port of London.
With a testimonial in his favour on the *dorse.*
Minuted:—"Read 13 Xbr. 1699. Approved." 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 18. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Percivall, Esq., to the King, praying a grant of a reversion of certain lands, at Kildalkey and Baskinagh, forfeited by the attainder of Walter Nangle, viz., in lieu of money due to him on account of the hospitals in that kingdom. Their Lordships would see that 148*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* were due, and that the lands desired by the petitioner would (on the death of the widow in possession) be worth 197*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* yearly. Dated 14 Dec. 1699.
Minuted:—"To be layd before the K."
The petition, and the reports of the Auditor-General and the Com^rs for Revenue in Ireland. 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 14. 19. A letter, signed by Phil. Ryley and two others, addressed to Mr. Secretary Lowndes, representing that the Exchequer could not

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issue process against receivers who had not passed their accounts, and others who were deficient for the land-tax, without special order from the Lords of the Treasury. Dated "Agents Office, Westmr," 14 Dec. '99.

Minuted:—"A genll order to make out process agt recrs that have not accted or are in debt, and for recovery of *supers* according to the course of the Exchequer." 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 20. Copy of the report of the Council of Trade, upon consideration of divers letters received from the Earl of Bellomont, relating to the want of a good Judge and an able Attorney-General in the province of New York; expressing their opinion that unless the Earl were assisted by persons duly qualified, sent from hence, it would be impossible to perfect what he had begun in the reformation of evil practices there; they found the Chief Justice had no more than 100*l.*, and the Attorney-General 70*l. per ann.*, which was not sufficient, and much greater allowances were necessary; advising further that the Chief Justice might be empowered to officiate as Judge of the Admiralty, and the Attorney-General as Advocate-General in New York and the neighbouring colonies. Dated 14 Dec. 1699.

Printed in *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 598.

Also copy of the minute of Council approving of the representation for the sending from hence such officers, and of a proposal to allow 500*l. per ann.* to the Chief Justice and 200*l. per ann.* to the Attorney-General. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 16. 21. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Mason, late receiver-general for the county of Cambridge, praying a conveyance of his estate might be made, by the Crown, for the satisfaction of such people as should purchase the same, and that the value thereof might be paid into the receipt of the Exchequer, towards satisfying his debt due to the King. Sending Sir John Hawles', the Solicitor-General's, opinion thereon. Dated 16 Dec. '99.

(Two enclosures.)

Minuted:—"Read 19 Decr 1699. Desire Mr Sollr to be here on Friday morning about this, with the suretys." 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 19. 22. Letter of Lord Jersey to the Lords of the Treasury. A letter having been laid before the King, from the Lords Justices of Ireland, with an account of the Comrs of the Revenue there, concerning several small quantities of woollen manufacture, seized on outward-bound vessels, which the masters allege to be chiefly for clothing of the crew. His Majesty directed the papers to be referred to their Lordships, to report thereon. Dated 19 Dec. 1699.

Accompanied by the list of ships seized on that account at Belfast, Kinsale, Ycughal, and Dublin. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 19. 23. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to matters in controversy between Mr. Ballard and Mr. Colt, collector of Bristol, who was charged by Ballard, who had been his

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clerk, with appropriating the King's cash. They express their opinion that Mr. Colt's answer was not satisfactory. Dated 19 Dec. 1699.

(Five enclosures.)

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 240, 19 Dec. 1699, is a minute commencing :—

"Com^rs of Customes. Their report of 19^th instant, concerning M^r Colt is read," &c. [Divers papers were read and witnesses examined.]

The minute ends :—

"Draw up ye state of ye whole case & lay it before ye K."

Again at p. 280, 23 Feb. 1699-1700 :—

"My Lords having (pursuant to ye King's cōmand) considered the complaints ag^t Mr. John Dutton Colt, collector of Bristol, are resolved that he be forthw^th dismissed. And do order that a letter be now written to ye Com^rs of the Customes for his dismission. *And that they present another fitt person for that imploym^t ; & do therein consider the importance of ye trust.* And that in the vacancy they take care of the receipt of ye said port, that His Ma^ty suffer no damage." 23 *pages or parts of pages.*

[*Sic in orig.*] Leave out these words.

Dec. 20. 24. Copy of a debtor and creditor account of Captain Bradbury, in connection with his regiment, between 3 April 1697 and 10 June 1699. Dated 20 Dec. 1699. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 25. Letter of Mr. J. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, by command of the Lords of the Admiralty, to desire him to move their Lordships of the Treasury, that the orders they had to send to Cadiz concerning British subjects in captivity in Barbary might be sent as soon as possible, as the ship "Dunwich" was then lying at Plymouth to carry some instructions to Capt. Munden and Capt. Delavall. Dated 20 Dec. '99.

Minuted :—"Write to M^r Papillon to give my Lords a speedy answer to their letter of the 18^th instant."

Accompanied by accounts of Capt. Delavall and M. Aylmer, Esq., of moneys expended in connection with the redemption of the captives.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 239, 18 Dec. 1699, is :—

"To M^r Papillon, that there being an agreem^t made by Capt. Delaval with the Emperor of Morocco or his Alcaide, for redemption of the English prisoners in Barbary, pursuant to w^ch a sum of money (*inter al.*) is to be paid to ye Moors. In case M^r Papillon will write to S^r W^m Hodges or any other correspond^t of his at Cadiz, to give security to the Moors for performing the said agreem^t in England, their Lo^ps will take care that he shalbe indempnified, and that M^r Papillon shall receive satisfaction from their Lo^ps that the security shalbe complyed with." 8 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 26. An estimate of the charge of building and rigging a vessel of about 30 or 40 tons, to be employed on the King's service at Plymouth. Dated 20 Dec. 1699. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 27. The finding of a jury summoned to try a matter in dispute between Robert Rochford, Esq., the King's Attorney-General in

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Ireland, on behalf of the King, against Nicholas Greene, of Cork, merchant, on an information exhibited against Green for carrying away a ship called the "James" of Cork, laden with the King's provisions, to France, &c., with the signatures of the jury. Dated 23 Dec. 1699. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 28. "Produce of duties on salt in England and Wales, from y^e^ 25 of Decemb^r^ '98 to y^e^ 25 of December 1699." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Sept. 29 to Dec. 25. 29. "An account of His Ma^ties^ Customes, viz., of totals of receipts and payments." 24 *large pages.*

Dec. 25. 30. "An account of moneys due to the several foreign ministers, on their ordinary entertainments, to Michaelmas 1699."

Another account for the same, and for extraordinary expenses, from Christmas 1698 to Christmas 1699.

12 Oct. 1699. A further account of money due to several public ministers on their extraordinary disbursements, whose bills are brought into the Treasury. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 26. 31. Letter of James, Bishop of Lincoln, to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the payment of the tenths in his diocese; expressing the hope that the King would have remitted his first fruits upon his petition: he had represented the smallness of the revenue of the bishopric, and his great expenses since he entered upon it; but if his petition were not granted, he must prepare to pay in reasonable time. Dated Buckden, 26 Dec. 1699. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Dec. 32. Abstracts of three documents addressed to Vice-Admiral Aylmer, viz.:—

(1.) A letter from Mr. Secretary Vernon as to the allowance to Mr. Richard Marshall, who was appointed to go with the squadron to bring some horses from Barbary for the King's immediate service. Dated 16 Aug. 1698.

(2.) Warrant from the Lords Justices to Admiral Aylmer, to employ some person to treat for the redemption of English captives in the dominions of the Emperor of Morocco. Dated 13 Sept. 1698.

(3.) Order of the Com^rs^ for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, to the said Admiral, to pay 125*l.* to reimburse the consul at Algiers, for money paid for the ransom of certain Christian slaves, and further, to deliver up two Moors taken from the same ship. Dated 31 Oct. 1698.

Also another paper relating to the furnishing Mr. Marshall with money. The entries in this come down as late as Dec. 1699. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 33. "A particular of wages and pensions due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office, for half a year ending at Christmas 1698, and likewise what is due on warrants, and for stationary wares furnished to the Secretary's office."

There are also payments up to Christmas 1699.

Apparently an enclosure; marked No. 2. 1 *page.*

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1698 and 1699. 1. A schedule of sums due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office, at Christmas 1698, and to Lord Ossulston and others in 1699. 1 *page.*

1699. 2. The "Case of the Pewterers relating to the tin offered to the Tr° in 1699."

A printed paper thus *docquetted*, giving some account of the manufacture of pewter, and proposing an additional duty on tin exported. Also,

An account of the duty on tin exported, from *anno* 1610 to the year 1698. To which is added:—

An answer to some objections against returning and raising the exportation duty on tin. 3 *pages.*

1699. 3. "An abstract of the acco^ts of the first 3^s ayd granted 8 W., the first quarterly poll, granted 3° & 4 W. & M., and the last quarterly poll, granted 9° & 10 W., for the severall counties within the district of Mr. Auditor Shales." Dated 1699. 2 *large pages.*

1699. 4. Bills of extraordinary disbursements by John Mason, gent., late Receiver-General of the King's taxes and assessments in the town and county of Cambridge, between 1691 and 1699. 13 *pages and* 10 *halves.*

1699. 5. The gross and net produce of the several branches of the Excise, in the year ending Midsummer 1699. Continued to 29 Sept. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[1699.] 6. Petition of Peter Beaubuisson, master of the King's setting dogs, to the Lords of the Treasury, representing that Sir Stephen Fox had settled his account for keeping the dogs, servants, and horses for ten years, and the 500*l.* had been ordered "for all his pretentions as to that particular," and not for the arrears due to him as keeper of the private armory, as Mr. Taylor conceived; the said sum was due to him for attending the King every year into Holland, as would appear by the papers annexed: praying that Mr. Taylor's mistake might be amended.

Accompanied by (1.) a letter signed [Sidney] to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the petitioner was admitted to the said office at Lady-day 1689, and further, that the King had directed him to transmit the enclosed papers; (2.) a duplicate of the same; (3.) a petition from him presented nine years after his appointment; (4.) copy of a certificate of his admission to the office; (5.) a schedule of his allowances in that office. Without date, but ten years later than 1689.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 38, 2 May 1700, is:—"M^r Beaubisson is to be p̃d 253. 1. 3. to Midsomer 1699." 6 *pages.*

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1699. 7. A paper drawn out apparently to show who were indebted to the Ordnance Office, as was contained in two accounts of the Hon. Chas. Bertie, Esq., treasurer and muster master, the last ending *ult. Junii* 1699. 22 *pages.*

[1699.] 8. Petition of Elizabeth Willoughby, relict of Colonel Francis Willoughby, to be placed on the widows' list, or that the 6,000*l.* acknowledged by the King to be due should be paid; her small allowance was 10 months in arrear, and her creditors very fierce. Without date, but written three years after the following letter, dated 23 April 1696, which accompanies it, viz., a copy of a letter of Lord Shrewsbury, stating that the late Queen allowed her 50*l.* a quarter, &c. 2 *pages.*

1699. 9. Debtor and creditor account of fees received by Mr. Lowndes, and other Treasury officers, made out monthly from January to December 1699.

Also other subordinate papers. 71 *pages.*

About 1699.] 10. The answer of Sir Robert Dashwood and others, trustees for the younger children of George Dashwood, Esq., deceased, to the memorial of Her Grace the Duchess of Cleveland, respecting a balance of 4,500*l.* or thereabouts, due on a mortgage of the pension of the said Duchess. Without date, but 16 years' interest is charged from the year 1683. 1 *page.*

[? 1699.] 11. Charge of management and other deductions to be made from the gross produce of the Excise on beer, ale, and other liquors, for the year ending at Midsummer 1699.

With an estimate of the charge for the present year taken from the accounts current. 4 *pages.*

[? 1699 or later.] 12. Petition of Thomas Keightley to the King. He lately obtained a grant from the King of some forfeited lands in Ireland to the value of 674*l.* 11*s.* 6*d. per ann.* for several considerations mentioned: prays that his pension of 400*l. per ann.* might be placed on the establishment of Ireland as formerly, to commence from 2 Nov. 1699, at which time his grant had been made void. His daughter, Catherine Keightley, was allowed 200*l. per ann.* as maid of honour to the late Queen, who promised some provision for her marriage settlement. The pension was then considerably in arrear, and he prayed that it might be placed upon the establishment of Ireland, and the 400*l.* arrear might be paid out of the Treasury there. 1 *page.*

[? 1699.] 13. An estimate of the interest accruing upon the bills authorized to be issued at the Exchequer, with the respective premiums due for circulating the bills, pursuant to the respective Acts of Parliament directing the same, between 26 April 1697, which was the first day any of those bills were issued, and 28 April 1699, when the present contract for advancing money for circulating the bills would determine. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

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14. A proposal for satisfying such of the deficient funds as are already determined by issuing out Exchequer bills for the same.

The first entry states that the deficiences amounted on 4 March 1698–9 to 2,759,854*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.* 2 *pages.*

15. A draft of a report of Mr Tilson [one of the clerks of the Treasury], in answer to an order to lay a state of the proceedings before their Lordships which had been made on the Privy Seal, passed in Feb. 1698–9, for recovering the arrears of the land revenue due at Michaelmas 1698, of which he was named receiver.

Amongst other matters, he states that having discoursed Mr. Tailer, the deputy-auditor of the Duchy of Cornwall, concerning the methods and practices of messengers, employed to collect the arrears, he found they made it their business to vex the subject, not so much for His Majesty's money, as for their own fees; which if they obtained, they were very easy as to the King's debt, and glad to let the collecting it alone. Signed.

Another copy.

Undated, but see Vol. LXIV., No. 35, 9 Nov. 1699. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

16. Letter of the Lords of the Treasury to the Earl of Ranelagh. They had lately ordered 1,429*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* to his Lordship's hands, that he might satisfy the half pay, due to the reformed officers of the two marine regiments, lately commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir Cloudesley Shovell, from 19 Aug. 1698 to 25 May following; but they desired him to pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Navy, as their Lordships understood the said half pay was to be paid by him.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 176, 19 Sept. 1699, is:—

"To the Earle of Ranelagh, to pay out of ye 1,429. 11. 10. lately issued to him, for half pay to ye marine officers, so much as ought to be paid to the leiv^{ts} & other officers, excluding the field officers & captains, & Leiv^{t} Golding, whose half pay is stopt, pursuant to ye desires of ye R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lords Co$\tilde{m}^{s}$ of ye Adm^{lty}." 1 *page.*

17. Representation of the Com^{rs} for managing the duties upon stamped vellum, &c., concerning the present practices of the controller, which were contrary to the meaning of an order of their Lordships, who had ordered an addition of 100*l.* a year to his salary, and 10*l.* a year to his three clerks: representing further that three clerks were sufficient to do all the business in the controller's office, though he were absent. Without date, but probably 1699. The order above alluded to was made 29 Sept 1698. See *Minute Book,* Vol. VIII., p. 251. 1 *page.*

18. Some memoranda showing the total charge of transports, &c. *Docquetted:*—"Transports to '99." 1 *small page.*

19. An account rendered by John Parkhurst and John Paschal [Com^{rs} for Prizes], of what sums of money were expected from them,

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amounting to 6,950*l.* 2*s.* 10¼*d.*; seeking for power to draw warrants for that sum upon "James Herbert, Esq., the late Receiver-General for Process." 6 *pages.*

20. The Attorney and Solicitor Generals' opinion, as to whether or not merchant strangers should pay 12*d.* in the pound in addition to petty customs of 3*d.* in the pound.

Docquetted:—"Case upon a question whether the petty customs are due or not. The Att. & Soli. Gen^ls^ opinion, 1699." 1 *page.*

[? About 1699.] 21. Memorial by Henry Ballowe and John Smith, Deputy-Chamberlains, for joining tallies, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; praying an allowance for their services. Without date; but Tho. Neale, Esq. mentioned as late master of the mint, which he ceased to be in 1699. ½ *page.*

22. Draft of report (unsigned) of the [Lords of the Treasury], to the King, respecting the 12*d.* per month stopped out of the sea pay for the chief minister and surgeon, and the defalcations for slop-sellers, pursuant to the 12th article of instructions to the Treasurer of the Navy. Without date, but it was after the Earl of Orford's treasurership, who resigned in May 1699, and when a fresh treasurer had been appointed. 2¼ *pages.*

23. Letter signed H. D. Colt, addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, entreating him to prepare the letter or order which the Lords of the Treasury were to sign, on behalf of the Lord Fairfax and the writer; respecting the preparation of a commission to enquire of concealed lands, given to superstitious uses, in the county of Kent.

Without date, but compare *Letter Book*, Vol. X., p. 159. 1 *page.*

24. Petition of William Robinson, Esq., to the Lords Justices of Ireland, for the allowance of the payment of 6,590*l.* made to the Marquis of Winchester and Mr. Hoar, of Cork: together with interest. The said payment having been made for sea provisions for the navy.

No date, but mention of interest for 15 months after 1697. 1 *page.*

25. A few items connected with [Navy estimates], showing how 15,000*l.* were distributed, or were to be distributed, the last 1,000*l.* was to satisfy debts due before 1 June 1699. ¼ *page.*

[? Perhaps about 1699.] 26. Petition of Percival Brunskell, gent., and Timothy Motteaux, merchant, to the King. The King suffers much loss, in the customs of foreign ships; and the masters of the same are abused, for want of interpreters and inspectors of foreign bills of lading, cockets, charter-parties, and other writings, as appear by the reasons annexed; praying to be allowed to have a place near the Custom-house in London and at every port, to examine the writings, and that others may be prohibited from doing the like, without the licence of the petitioners.

[?1699.] United are the "Reasons" referred to.

Without date, but on 7 Mar. 1698, Percival Brunskill obtained 20*l.* out of secret service money, and on 13 April 1700 the Lords of the Treasury offered him 50*l.* not to trouble the office any more, and to go to New York. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 23. 3 *pages.*

[Perhaps about 1699 or 1700.] 27. "Memoriall of Blake Gilbert and others [poor inhabitants of the Isle of Wight], touching wool exported from the Isle of Wight." Also a duplicate of the same. 2 *pages.*

[?End of 1699 or 1700.] 28. "An account of the charges & damages accrewing to Captain Michael Lang, by reason of his attendance to give evidence against the pretended Sweedish fleet; and during his sollicitation for a recompence for that service" [amounting to more than 5,000*l.*] He was put to the said charges between May 1697 and Nov. 1699. 1 *page.*

1699–1700. 29. Abstracts of the gross produce of the King's revenue in Ireland, viz.—

For one quarter ending at Michaelmas 1699,
For one quarter ending at Christmas 1699,
For one year ending at Christmas 1699,

and a view of the gross produce of His Majesty's revenue in Ireland, in the two quarters ended at Lady-day 1699 and 1700. 4 *pages.*

[?Before 1700.] 30. Petition of Edward, Earl of Jersey, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had lately purchased from Sir John Crisp the manor of Squirries and other premises in Kent; prays that a grant might be made by the King of the manor, &c., free from any debts contracted by John Crisp and Thomas Crisp, Esqrs., by reason of their having been receivers of the Customs of tonnage and poundage, in the port of London, in connection with Sir Nicholas Crisp, Baronet, the father of the vendor.

Undated; Edward, Earl of Jersey, was created 1697, and it is certainly in the reign of Will. III., and after the death of Sir Nich. Crisp, who died in 1698.

Minuted thus:—"Prepare a warr^{t}, send for the lease & release." 1 *page.*

[?Before 1700.] 31. *A paper docquetted:*—"Relating to the revenue of Ireland." It was drawn up by some one engaged in trade, in and out of that kingdom, for near 30 years, who gives an account of the revenue, from 1662 to 1684, and says that it seemed unaccountable that in 20 years there should be no improvement in the Customs, when the Inland Excise and the hearth money had increased so considerably, and the foreign trade of the kingdom had so much improved; but the reason was, the Customs required skill, and, he adds, "how gentlemen never in trade, perhaps scarce in business, could pretend to this skill, seemed strange;" offering to lay a plan of the revenue and its management in Ireland before their Lordships.

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[? About 1699.] *Minuted in Lowndes' hand* :—"Write to the Com^rs to know how farr ye due course of the Exchequ^r is observed; what cheques or comptrolls are kept, and what directions are proper." Undated. 2 *pages.*

[? Before 1700.] 32. Petition of Charles White to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that Mr. Stapleton had four daughters, one of whom the petitioner had married; two others had become nuns, the father having obtained an assignment of the said nun's fortunes, to near 4,000*l.*, for popish uses; that the assigning of properties or estates in any manner for popish uses and persuading the subjects of this kingdom to turn nuns is a violation of the laws of England; proposing to discover the matter, in consideration of being defended from all expense and for a portion of what should be recovered. Undated. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 33. *Docquet* :—"Mem. of the Com^rs of Prizes, that the Navy Board may adjust the accounts of the prize ships taken into the King's service."

The papers show (1.) what prizes were taken "during the late war with France," what they were appraised at, &c.; and (2.) the debt due to the Lords of the Admiralty, for tenths of prizes taken by privateers, and what was due to the Treasurer of the Navy, for the $\frac{4}{10}$ths of the prizes taken for the chest at Chatham.

Undated, but after 1697, and probably 1699. Compare the minute on 24 May 1699, in Vol. IX. of the *Minute Books*, p. 126; the commission for prizes was then to be revoked. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[? Before 1700.] 34. "A list of pensioners, &c." showing also for what they received their pensions, and the amount.

Undated, but one of the pensioners is mentioned as dead in this list, and her name is left out of the civil list from 25 Dec. 1699 to 25 Dec. 1700, though the others are continued. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[? Before 1700.] 35. Memoranda of the expenses of Sir Jacob Ackworth, travelling into Germany, and other expenses connected therewith, amounting to 883*l.* 10*s.*

Also the charge of the Public Ministers in the reign of King James II., and the present charge. 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

[? 1699.] 36. Petition of the Earls of Peterborough and of Ranelagh, to His Majesty, for a grant of the trees, which are to be cut down in Windsor parks, of which they have the command.

Minuted :—"Not granted."

Undated, but compare Vol. LXV., No. 6, alterations then going on there. 8 *lines.*

[? Before 1700.] 37. Petition of William Hall, youngest son of Thomas Hall, deceased, "late one of your Hono^rs old servant & agent," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; praying to be employed as comptroller

[? About 1699.] of Milford, upon the surrender of the same by his kinsman, Mr. Powell.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Undated. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 38. Petition of Mordecai Abbott to the King. He had been in the Pay office in Ireland, and then Deputy Paymaster-General of the Forces for reduction of Ireland, and, lastly, was then Deputy Paymaster-General of the Earl of Ranelagh. On the King's advance to Dublin, after the defeat of his enemies at the Boyne, several of the petitioner's houses in the suburbs were employed by the officers of the train of artillery for stores, and almost ruined, for which he received no compensation. Prays for the reversion of the appointment of Commissary-General of the Musters in Ireland, and Clerk of the Cheque for his own and his son's lives, which appointment was then held by Denny Muschamp, Esq.; but no reversion had then been granted.

Accompanied by a list of the patentees of the office which he sought, from the reign of James I.

Undated; but he appears to have exercised his office under Lord Ranelagh, late in 1699. *See Minute Book,* Vol. IX., p. 196. He had, however, been appointed Cashier of Customs, on 21 April of that year. *See Royal Warrant Book,* Vol. XIII., p. 101. 1 *page.*

[? Between 1694 and 1700.] 39. Petition of Capt. Henry Courtney to the Lords of "His Majties" Treasury, showing that he served in the army for more than 20 years, and was last of all captain of a company in the late Lieut.-General Kirk's regiment, during the war of Ireland, and when the regiment went for Flanders, he was left behind sick of an ague, with which he was afflicted for 20 months, and thereby lost his station; that he petitioned for his arrears of pay, &c. amounting to 300*l.*; and His Majesty referred his petition to their Lordships, but no relief had been given; the petitioner also detected abuses put on the Government by those who, pretending themselves to have been officers, had obtained pensions, &c.; that he had made himself enemies therey, who threatened to murder him, &c. Praying for the payment of the said 300*l.*, for protection to his person, and reward for his services. Undated; but quere between 1694 and 1700. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 40. Letter of Richard Fluelling, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them of a wrong done to His Majesty King William by one Mr. Sharp, who, under pretence of a patent, granting to him one acre of ground in East Smithfield, had taken to himself two acres on Little Tower Hill, being His Majesty's ground; hoping their Lordships would give order for the survey of the said ground.

Undated. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 41. Petition of John Harrison, late a riding officer in Romney Marsh, for restoration to his place; he having been dismissed for making an affidavit in an affair of one Russell.

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[? About 1699.] Accompanied by another paper, containing a narration of some of the services he had rendered; such as the capture of owlers (one of whom had "transported a gentleman to France, who by his habit should be some military officer"); the forwarding expresses to Sir William Trumbull;* the seizure of wool, &c.

Undated; but subsequent to 1695. There was a John Harrison, searcher at Gravesend in 1699. *See Money Book*, Vol. XIV., p. 381. 2½ *pages.*

[? Before 1700.] 42. Petition (signed) of William Earl of Derby, to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, showing that he and his ancestors had always enjoyed an immunity from all Custom duty, for such goods and household provisions as had been exported from the Isle of Man, for themselves and families, by order from the Treasury Chamber of 1672. Praying that the privilege might be continued, he having imported a certain quantity of wines.

Minuted:—"R. to C. Customs."

Undated.

[This does not appear to be referred to in the *Minute Books* or *Letter Books.* It is a similar document to one in Vol. XV., No. 13, but is not an enclosure to that report; it is probably between 1694 and 1700. William Earl of Derby died, 1702.] 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 43. A paper, which has been an enclosure (numbered 3) to some report on the Irish revenues. It is entitled, "The Comptrolls or Checques upon the most considerable branches of the Revenue of Ireland;" detailing the official proceedings in keeping the accounts.

Undated, but quere before 1700. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 44. Petition of William Phelpes to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that there might be a reference sent from their Honours to the Com^rs^ of Customs that they might be certified of the truth of his said petition, in which he stated he was instructed in the duties of landwaiters, &c., and sought to be appointed.

Undated. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 45. Petition of Thomas Liveings, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he delivered up his house for the convenience of the officers of the German Calvinist Church in the Savoy, on the promise that he should have the next that fell vacant; praying for the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Greenwood, widow, deceased.

Undated, but her late Majesty during her regency mentioned. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 46. Petition of Windebank Coote, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her husband Lambert Coote was a favourite servant of King Charles II., and left her with a great charge of children, and that she enjoyed a pension of 50*l. per ann.* till his death, and that a considerable sum was due to her

* Ceased to be secretary, 5 Dec. 1697.

[? About 1699.] for her husband's service; praying for the royal bounty or other relief.
Undated. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? Before 1700.] 47. Petition of Geo. Morley to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, showing that he was by misrepresentation displaced from his office of Master in Chancery in the Alienation Office, and succeeded by Mr. Dawson, who was then in Ireland; Mr. Redman, his deputy, was dead, and all the King's business at a stand: praying to be appointed till Mr. Dawson's return.
Minuted:—"Granted."
Undated. In 1694 Mr. Thomas Dawson was executing the office. See *Chamberlayne's Present State of England*, 1694, Part II., p. 291. Morley was reinstated before 1702, see *ib.* 1702, Part III., p. 540. 1 *page.*

[1699.] 48. "Province of the Massachusets Bay in New England. } Account of gold and silver, &c., late brought into this province by Capt. John Quelch & Company, who have been convicted of piracy and felony, so far as hath come to the hands of the Commiss[rs] appointed by his Excellency the Gov[r] and Council to receive the same, with the names of the several persons of whom it was had."
Undated.
[These were some of the pirates Kidd was commissioned to seize, and the goods are probably some of those referred to in the *Letter Book*, Vol. X., p. 150, 7 Sept. 1699. The Com[rs] who were intrusted with the business were Isaac Addington, Paul Dudley, and James Taylor, treasurer. "Addington" occurs in a paper of 1 June 1700. 3 *pages.*

[? Before 1700.] 49. "The Crown Revenues at several periods." A paper in Mr. Lowndes' handwriting, so entitled, most likely drawn out in the reign of William III.; this portion of it is confined to revenues in 1662. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 50. A proposition signed "Tho. White," for raising the sum of 112,500 pounds *per ann.* by a duty to be laid on hats. [The population of England and Wales is estimated at upwards of seven millions.]
Undated. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1700.] 51. Letter of Sir Roger* Mostyn to William Lowndes, Esq., sending (as he desired) the names of the persons fined at the Assizes, "by mistake of the officer or worse"; that something might be done in it.
Minuted:—"To be p[d] out of sec[ret] service mo. to such as S[r] Rog[r] Mostyn will appoint."

* *Quere* the grandson of Sir Roger Mostyn, Bart., created 1660. See *Courthope's extinct Baronetage*, p. 142. Lowndes was appointed Secretary to the Treasury, 1695.

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[? About 1699.] There is nothing in the *Minute Books*, *Letter Books*, or *Reference Book*, as to this.

Accompanied by a list of eight persons fined [at the Assizes in Wales]. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[Before 1700.] 52. Memorial of Mr. Colston, unaddressed, stating that he had some years before founded an hospital in Bristol for the maintenance of 12 men and 12 women who had been of trades, and fallen into decay, and lately another hospital or charity school in Bristol for 100 poor boys; praying for a clause in the Act for the land tax of 4*s.* *per* pound to exempt the revenues from that tax.

Undated. 1 *page*.

[? Before 1700.] 53. Letter signed W. Chaloner, addressed to the Rt. Hon. Charles Montague, Esq., offering to coin money after such a method as that it should not be counterfeited. He further offered to give an account of some great abuses in the coining, if he might be heard.

Undated. It was after Montague was made a Privy Councillor (10 May 1694), and before he was made Lord Halifax, viz., Dec. 1700; most likely whilst he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, viz., between Nov. 1695 and June 1699, possibly about the time of the recoining the money in 1696. Challoner is not referred to in the *Minute*, *Letter*, or *Reference Books* in connection with these affairs. 1 *page*.

[? Between 1695 and 1700.] 54. Petition of John Hervey, Esq., on behalf of Carr Hervey, Esq., his son, grandson and heir of Sir Robert Carr, Bart., deceased; and also of the said Carr Hervey, addressed to the King, praying "a grant of some part of an old debt, due from Prettyman when Remembrancer of the First Fruits (long since dead insolvent), which can never produce one penny to ye Crown, but will free ye petitioners from an injust vexatious suite, threatened by an indigent fellow, lately become administrator to Prettyman, in hopes of getting something from ye petitioners."

An epitome of the petition (apparently) in Mr. Lowndes' hand, and an "abstract of Mr. Harvey's case," from which the above is copied.

Without date, but the late King James II. mentioned, and it is addressed to the King.

Nothing apparently in the *Minute*, *Letter*, or *Reference Books* as to this. 3 *pages*.

[? Before 1700.] 55. "The case of the Register's Office for registring of all pawn and sale goods to broakers." It sets out that the brokers could not be suppressed without prejudice to the nation, for there must be buying and selling, and the poor could not afford to buy any but second-hand goods; under the name of pawn and retail brokers there were many receivers of stolen goods, who were privy to robberies, and the receiver makes the stealer; the number of brokers of late years had increased in the city and suburbs, and there never were more felonies and robberies, and it had always been observed that as the brokers multiplied the thieves increased; besides their ex-

[? About 1699.] tortion, many times they kept no register, so that the goods could not be redeemed. In 37 Eliz. the Lord Mayor, &c., of London, for discovery of robberies, &c., authorized an office for registering pawns, &c., every broker to enter into a bond of 100*l.* before he dealt in that trade, that he should buy no goods or take to pawn any but what he should enter in a public register in an office appointed in the said act of Common Council, that they should weekly bring to the register a just schedule or duplicate of every day's bargain or pawn, with the names of the sellers or pawners, their occupation and abode, and the quality and marks of the goods sold or pawned, and for what pawned; the goods to be kept certain days before they might dispose of them, that if stolen the owners might search the register; as this only applied to the city and liberties, the brokers withdrew to the suburbs and exercised their crafts, so that complaint was made to King James I., who in the sixth year of his reign confirmed the act of Common Council, and enacted the like office of Registrar in Westminster and liberties, and within two miles of London.

In the 20th of the reign, the act of Common Council, on account of ambiguity, was repealed, and a new act made more plain, which was confirmed by letters patent; this was confirmed in 5 Charles I. In 13 Charles II. the office was confirmed for the cities of London and Westminster and places adjacent, and the reversion granted to Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Sir Joseph Wagstaffe, and Bernard Greenvile, Esq., who afterwards bought out the former patentees at a cost of 2,000*l.* In the 14th year, the Mayor, &c. ordered that the registrars should proceed to exercise their office, and above 500 brokers gave bond, &c., but those who dealt in stolen goods, &c., refused to give bond and to register, "disputing the King's prerogative as being no law to sue them by." A Bill was thereupon presented to Parliament and passed, for the more effectual settlement of the office; the King, however, refused his assent thereto, having a design to erect a "General Lumbard" for lending upon pawns "by an Act of Parliament, which he designed for the Duke of Monmouth, under the title of *Mount Pieties*, he found this registrar's office would be a detriment to it, and therefore would not pass it, but Parliament was dissolved before the Act for the "*Mount Pieties* could pass." 2 *pages* (*brief size*).

[? Before 1700.] 56. Memorial of the Clerks of the Council, to the Lords of the Treasury, representing that there was nearly three-quarters of a year's salary due to them, for their service at the Council and Committee of Plantations, amounting at the previous Lady-day to 1,080*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*; praying for payment; proposing if it could not be spared out of the Exchequer, to procure a loan of it for the King, as was done at Michaelmas last.

There is a postscript added, that they had obtained a loan of 2,000*l.* for His Majesty's service. Without date, and there appears to be nothing about it in the *Minute, Letter, Money, Order, Reference,* or *King's Warrant Books.*

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 1 *page.*

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[? About 1699.] Perhaps 1698 or 1699.

57. Petition of John Fuller, distiller, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that a warrant for a *nolle prosequi* might be granted if he paid the mitigated penalty recommended by the Com^rs of Excise, as the Act on which the information was founded was not printed until three days after the discovery of his "two private backs."

With a recommendation by the Com^rs of Excise that the offer should be accepted.

Undated, but the names of the Com^rs are the same as those referred to in the *Signet Office docquets*, in Aug. 1698, and are not the same as those in June 1700.

Minuted:—"A warr^t." 1 *page*.

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1699–1700. Jan. 2.

1. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Phelips, commander, and others, owners of the "Eaton" frigate, bound for China, in the service of the East India Company; complaining that 500*l.* in English money, which the captain had for the river pay of the seamen, and to buy fresh provisions, together with a dozen and a half of silver plates, which he had on board for the use of the President and other gentlemen who were going to China, were seized by the officer of Customs: they state that it seemed a very strange custom and contrary to the meaning of the law, that so great a sum should be on board after the ship's final clearing at Gravesend; it seemed more reasonable that these necessary accommodations should be supplied before clearing at Gravesend or by credit at Deal. The officer prayed a trial at law, to which they did not object. Dated 2 Jan. 1699.

Also the petition, a schedule of disbursements for the ship; eight affidavits and certificates, and a copy of an order of the board of directors, all relating to the case.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Feb. 1699. The pe[titi]on is rejected." 14 *pages*.

Jan. 3.

2. "Auditor Parsons's certificate concerning sallaries." Two papers with this docquet, relating to salaries of a few persons engaged in the collection of revenue, in pursuance of a command of the House of Commons, viz., in the southern and western counties. Dated 18 Dec. 1699 and 3 Jan. 1699. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 5.

3. "Letter from officers of New Forest, about 1,000 trees to be felled there for the navy," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 5 Jan. 1699. 1 *page*.

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1699–1700. Jan. 5. 4. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Stephen Fagett and Peter Fauconnier, praying payment of 1,359*l.* 2*s.*, and interest due since 1695 for clothing to Col. Colenbine's regiment, when under command of Col. Collier, and the Marquis de Rada. If their Lordships ordered anything they observed that the off-reckonings were paid to 1 Jan. 1697, and from thence to 25 July 1698, they amounted to 920*l.*; there remained due to one Key, for clothing in the year 1696, 387*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* If their Lordships ordered the remaining 439*l.* 2*s.*, it might be charged to the arrears of the regiment. Dated 5 Jan. 1699.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Agree w^th^ the report." 4 *pages.*

[About Jan. 5.] 5. Memorial of Sarah Monck, widow and executrix of John Monck, deceased, late lieutenant of a marine company under the command of Capt. Samuel Odbert, in the regiment whereof the Hon. Sir Cloudesley Shovell, Knt., was colonel; setting forth her husband's services in 1695 in the West Indies, under the late Lord John Berkley, and on board the squadron whereof Capt. Wilmot was commodore, &c. Praying payment of what was due.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Jan. 1699. To be considered when any mony comes in applicable to this use."

Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 5.] 6. Petition of Newdigate Owsley in behalf of the royal regiment of Dragoons, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that in 1696 he made a loan of 2,100*l.* to procure a debt of 1,400*l.* and odd pounds, due to that regiment for their Irish service; praying for payment.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Jan. '99. Desire Mr. Fox to state this matter in a report to my Lords." 1 *page.*

June 29 1699–Jan. 8 1699–1700. 7. "The case of the officers and messengers of His Majestyes penny post-office, and the mismanagement of M^r^ William Dockwra, the present comptroller," in which they make a great variety of charges against him, which principally fall under three heads, viz., those affecting (1.) the revenue of the penny post-office; (2.) his treatment of his subordinates; and (3.) the public.

Minuted:—"29 June '99. To be sent in a letter to y^e^ Post M^r^ Gen^ll^ to examine y^e^ allegacoñs & report."

The report of Sir R. Cotton and Sir Thos. Frankland on the articles charged against the said controller. Dated 2 Jan. 1699–1700.

The examinations taken upon the articles exhibited against him. The article in one column and the answer in another.

A letter from the above Sir Robert and Sir Thomas, sending (at the desire of the parties) the whole examinations, together with the several certificates touching the same, to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 8 Jan. 1699–1700.

Also the case of the said William Docwra, being his representation of it.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 62, 29 May 1700, is a long account of the examination into these matters, and the conclusion was as follows :—

"My Lords are of opinion that Mr Docwra is not fitt to be entrusted in the office any longer." 65 *pages or parts of pages.*

Jan. 8. 8. A state of the debt due to clear the office of works up to Christmas 1698. Dated 8 January 1699–1700. 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 9. An account of the sums due and owing on fees and salaries payable at the Exchequer, between Christmas 1698 and Christmas 1699. Dated 15 Jan. 1699.

A similar account for the same time, of sums due and owing on pensions and perpetuities. Of the same date.

These have probably been enclosures, and are marked 7 and 8. 5 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 10. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of Charles Chapon, heir and next of kin to Mr. Lassaigne, deceased, late Governor of Drogheda, praying for 1,186*l.* due to the deceased as Governor of Drogheda; they found by the certificate of Lord Conningsby annexed to the petition that he was appointed Governor on 6 July 1690 at 20*s.* a day, and 90*l.* only had been paid on 1 Jan. 1691–2, and 275*l.* were then due, but they were not authorized to pay the same as it was before the Irish establishment. Dated 15 Jan. 1699–1700. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 11. Extract from a letter from Cadiz to Thomas Papillon, Esq., from Sir Wm. Hodges, dated the 17th of January 1700. Referring to security to be given to the Moors for the performance of Capt. Geo. Delavall's agreement for the captives in Barbary. The particulars of the agreement had not arrived in England, when the Lords of the Treasury gave their order, or they would have seen that Capt. Delavall came from Barbary after the agreement in Mequenez, to consult Capt. Munden about a truce with the Moors for six months, until the captives could be got off. A man-of-war was to carry two or three Moors for England, to buy certain things and bring them to that port, on which the captives were to be brought from Mequenez and other ports of Barbary to Tangier, and were then to be brought aboard. And after that a prolongation of a truce or a peace would be agreed on as our king should think fit. This was the substance of the agreement set on foot by Admiral Aylmer, according to instructions. The list agreed on was for 272 Christians, all His Majesty's subjects except some few of other nations taken under English colours; many of them were taken young, and were then very old. Of four presented to Capt. Delavall, one of them was 102 years old.

At the foot is :—

"A true copy. 19th Febry 1699–1700. Th. Papillon." 1 *page.*

Jan. 18. 12. Report of the officers of the Board of Works on an extract from a memorial of works to be done in His Majesty's gardens at

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Hampton Court. They abated 1,930*l.* 9*s.*, the estimate being 10,864*l.* Dated 18 Jan. 1699.

Also the "Extract of Mr Talman's memoriall given in by him ye 19th of Decr 1699 to ye Rt Honoble ye Lords of His Mats Treasury abt extraordry works to be done in ye gardens at Hampton Court," &c.

Amongst the works was "A pedestall of Portland stone, for a Diana in brass to stand on, being 3 ft 6 high & 2 ft 6 square & 4 pannells each to be carved wth emblems."

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. Lre writ for performing the work, but not to exceed the estimate as reduced by the office of the works."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 258, 24 Jan. 1699, is:—"The report of the officers of the works on Mr. Talman's estimate for new works to be done in the gardens at Hampton Court (wherein 1,930li 9s 0d is abated) is read. Direct Mr. Talman to proceed in the work, but to take care that the estimate as reduced by the office of the works be not in any thing exceeded." 5 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 13. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the tax upon the Commissioners of the Stamp Office, who were charged at Westminster and then refused to pay; leaving it to their Lordships. Dated 18 Jan. '99.

Minuted:—"21 Feb. '99. My Lds can doe nothing in this." 1 *page.*

Jan. 18. 14. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, on three accounts, the first of works to the gardens at Hampton Court, being an imperfect estimate, signed G. London, the second about repairs at the mews, and the third of works at Bushey Park. Dated 18 Jan. 1699.

The first and third accounts are enclosed. 5 *pages.*

[About Jan. 18.] 15. Petition of Frances Tipping, widow, to the King, showing that she was reduced to extreme poverty, her house at Portadown, in the county of Armagh, was made a barrack, was taken by the late King, retaken and made a garrison and furnished anew by her husband, so that their loss was upwards of 300*l.*, her two brothers and her husband died in the service, and this was the second journey she had undertaken to obtain relief; she prayed commiseration of her condition and provision for herself and four children. "Recd 18 January 1699."

At the foot is an order of the King in council referring it to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 25 Jan. 1699.

Copies of two certificates in confirmation. 2 *pages.*

[About Jan. 19.] 16. Petition of Brian Mortagh to the King for the grant of a letter to the Attorney-General to defend the King's right for the petitioner, to the lands of Boherboy and other lands in the county of Longford, Ireland, one Thomas Hoare claiming a title thereto, by a pretended lease from Col. James Dempsey, before his attainder; also praying for the grant of arrears. The petitioner had taken a lease of the lands from the Lord Ross, to commence from the expiration of the former lease made by his Lordship to the said colonel.

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Minuted:—"Read 19 Jan^ry 1699, to my Lords. Their Lo^ps cānot advise the K. to do anything in this." 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Roffey, on behalf of himself and other captains employed in His Majesty's ships of war upon the Newfoundland expedition, who had been employed to divide the prizes taken therein, and were threatened with prosecutions; stating that they did not object to *nolle prosequis* being entered. Dated 20 Jan. 1699.

Accompanied by the petition and several other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Enter *noli prosequi* according to the report." 15 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 18. "An estimate of the charge of jewels and plate, provided by His Maj^ties jewel house, since the making up of their last warrants." Dated Jan. 24, 1699–700.

There are only two entries. ½ *page.*

Jan. 25. 19. Representation by the Trustees appointed for circulating Exchequer bills, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, viz., that their Lordships lately directed the payment of 100*l.* out of the new customs to Captain Scott, as a reward for his discovering the razing of Exchequer bills by Bellingham and others; but the Trustees could not obtain payment, Parliament having disposed of the money to the navy; desiring the money out of some other fund: the Trustees had received the annexed petition of Edward Crull, a linendraper, in Long Acre, who was instrumental in the discovery of Bellingham; they left it to their Lordships' consideration: the money subscribed to the sixth contract being one million at 3 *per cent.* premium, there would be 30,000*l.* due to the subscribers on 28 April next, and they prayed their Lordships to provide for it. It would be absolutely necessary speedily to set on foot another subscription to support the credit of the remainder of the Exchequer bills until a further supply should be granted by Parliament. Dated 25 Jan. 1699.

Also the petition referred to.

Minuted:—"The Trustees are to pay him 20^li." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 20. Order in Council, approving of a representation of the Com^rs of Trade and Plantations, and giving instructions for erecting new and finishing the old fortifications in the harbour of St. John's, Newfoundland, and for the sending workmen and materials for building barracks for the men there, and a chain and boom with an iron bridle and a crab and capstan for the security of the harbour; also for the sending the things in an accompanying list for the said company of foot. Dated 25 Jan. 1699.

Accompanied by the list.

Minuted:—"Read 6 Mar. '99. The K. orders this mo. to be furnished."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 284, 28 Feb. 1699, is:—"Estimate of the charge of a chain capstand, &c., to be sent to Newfoundland amounting to 509^li 15^s 0^d read. To be provided by the Navy on the head of Ware and Tare."

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The particulars of the above Order in Council are also entered there. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 26. 21. Report of the Auditors of Imprest, B. Bridges and T. Done, to the Lords of the Treasury, on an account by Mordecai Abbott, of pensions or perpetuities payable by the cashire of Customs, confirming (with one or two exceptions) the account. Dated 26 Jan. 1699. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 22. Letter of John Sansom [Secretary to the Com^rs^ of Customs] to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, informing him that Mr. Whiston had acquainted the Board of Customs that he had something of great importance to the revenue and nation to discover; particularly how to prevent the fraudulent importation of French wine and the exportation of coin, which he would not communicate except to the Lords of the Treasury, in the presence of the Commissioners; asking him to move their Lordships for a speedy day. The matter required despatch; there were great quantities of wine daily imported from St. Sebastian, vehemently suspected to be French. Dated 29 Jan. 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 272, 12 Feb. 1699–70, is:—"Com^rs^ of Customes & M^r^ Whiston. His papers are read; he proposes that Spanish barrs imported be reg[iste]red & have the King's mark at ye Tower, & soe exported, and that all goldsmiths carry their silver to Goldsmiths' Hall to be melted. That all wine from St. Sebastien, &c. pay as French wine (but Mr. Godolphin thinks the merch^t^ should swear he believes the wine to be of ye growth of ye country from whence it entred). That wine be charged by weight, allowing a certain tare for ye cask. The Com^rs^ think the merch^ts^ should import in casks cont. aliquot parts of a ton or lose y^e^ 12 *p cent.* Whiston would have the K. to be at liberty to go either way. That stalks are $\frac{1}{6}$ of tobacco and be burnt, w^ch^ the Com^rs^ think unreasonable, he thinks 3 or 4^li^ a pipe more may be putt on Canarys. My Lords commend his zeal, & direct the Com^rs^ to order their officers to be civil to him." 1 *page.*

[? Jan.] 23. A paper thus *docquetted*:—"Apportionment of the money now undisposed of 2,000,000*l.* subscribed for a new trade to the East Indies."

Extending from Nov. 1698 to Jan. 1699–1700.

The apportionments were for various public services. 1 *page.*

Feb. 1. 24. Order in Council made upon a report from the Lords Com^rs^ of Trade and Plantations, upon a proposal made by Mr. Louis Crommelin for encouraging the linen manufacture in Ireland, reciting the said report, approving it, and ordering the Lords of the Treasury to give the requisite directions for the effectual setting on foot the manufacture according to the report. Dated 1 Feb. 1699.

Minuted:—"Prepare a draught according to ye order. W^t^ signed."

The report relates to the funds to be provided for carrying out the scheme, and the salary of the said Mr. Crommelin and his assistants.

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Two copies of the petition of the said Mr. Crommelin and a letter by the Lords Justices in its favour, dated 13 April 1699.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 143, 16 June 1699, is:—"Mr Cromellin's papers for setting up a linnen manufacture in Ireland are read. Send the papers to Mr. Popple, that the Comrs of Trade may be pleased to discourse wth the proposers and consider what manufacture may be proper to sett up in Ireland with respect to the interest of England and of the methods & manner the proposers shall offer for ye effecting this & to give my Lords their opinion." 10 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 25. Memorial of George Banister to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was by Mr. Newton deputed warden of the King's Mint at York, and discharged that trust with all imaginable care, and since that, he and Mr. Wyvill had trusted to their Lordships' promise to take care of them: praying for their Lordships' recommendation to Mr. Newton for the place of melter of the Mint at the Tower. Dated 2 Feb. 1699.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Feb. 1699. He must apply (if he pleases) to ye Mar of ye Mint." 1 *page.*

Feb. 2. 26. "An estimate of the charge of building at His Maties yard at Sheerness, a new yacht, and of fitting her with rigging, groundtackle, boatswain's and carpenters' stores, being made in pursuance of an order from the Rt Honble the Lords of the Admty, dated the 11th of September last." Dated Navy Office, 2 Feb. 1699. 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 27. Warrant from the Lords of the Treasury to the Attorney-General to enter *nolle prosequi* to the informations exhibited against Kerrill Roffey and other officers. Dated 3 Feb. 1699. (See No. 17, 20 Jan. 1699.) 1½ *pages.*

[About Feb. 5.] 28. Petition of Major Thomas Handcock to the King, showing that he had applied for payment of a debt for overseeing in 1691 the building of stables, &c. at Athlone, for 1,000 horses and 1,500 foot, for repairing mills, erecting huts at Banegher, &c.; that he raised a militia troop of dragoons, and preserved the country from the ravages of Irish, so that his debts and losses amounted to at least 2,000*l.* His house was destroyed, and his estate laid waste by the army during the siege of Athlone. He and his father had been sufferers by the rebellion to at least 16,000*l.*, &c. Praying for a remittal of his arrears of quit-rent, towards the payment of the debt due to him, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Feb. '99. My Lords order it to be layd before the King." 1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 29. Representation by the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, that their course of payment was considerably in arrear, having paid no part thereof for eight months; bills of exchange from Ireland for 1,200*l.* would be due in a few days; there was owing to Sir John Elwill, of "Exon," 455*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* for provisions,

they were about to discharge labourers, but could not, without paying their wages; the 3,000*l.* given for short allowance fell below their requirements 3,000*l.* They had received orders to provision 61 soldiers for 13 months in Newfoundland, which would cost 688*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* Praying that the remainder of the 40,000*l.* out of loans might be ordered to be paid, &c. Dated 8 Feb. 1699. 1 *page.*

Feb. 9. 30. Letter from John Povey to Mr. Lowndes, seeking to learn whether an enclosed certified extract of a letter from the late Col. Codrington, to the late Committee of Trade and Plantations, delivered in in the year 1693, by Mr. Hutchinson, relating to the pay of soldiers in the Leeward Islands, should be received as a voucher or not. Dated 9 Feb. 1699. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 10. 31. Report of S. Travers, Esq., surveyor-general, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a paper annexed relating to Sir Thomas Grosvenor's lead mines, in the hundreds of Colchilt and Ruthland, co. Flint, tracing leases from the year 1630, and giving various particulars about the same, and finishing with the opinion that Sir Thomas had a title to the inheritance of these mines if their Lordships permitted Samuel Davis to surrender his lease, or convey it to the use of the said Sir Thomas. Dated 10 Feb. 1699.

Also the paper referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 14 Febr. 1699. My Lords are of opinion that the lessee doe surrender his lease to the King." 4 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 32. Letter from the Officers of Victualling to William Lowndes, Esq., enclosing a copy of the order they had received to provide and send provisions for the soldiers to Newfoundland. Praying him to lay the same before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 10 Feb. 1699.

Copy of the said order, and a letter accompanying it.

Minuted:—"13 Feb. 1699. Lords acquaint the King that they cannot apply the navy money to this use." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 12. 33. "Navy Office. An estimate of the charge of the chaine, capstand, & other materialls directed by an order from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ y^e^ Lords of the Adm^ty^, dated the 5^th^ instant, to be provided and sent to Newfoundland for securing the harbour of S^t^ John's." Dated 12 Feb. 1699.

Minuted:—"To be provided by ye navy on ye head of ware & tare. Lre writ 5 Mar. '99." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 34. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a claim made to their master smith's house by the officers of the Mint, about which Mr. Charlton, their surveyor-general, had conferred with Sir Christopher Wren. They state that the annexed papers would show uninterrupted possession of the house by the Ordnance for above 120 years; they would venture to say that the officers of the Mint had twice as much room as they could make use of. Several of their houses stood empty, others

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were rented by persons no ways concerned with them, and one of the master smiths of the Mint had a house and several forges, sufficient for all the business. It would be an unavoidable expense of 1,000*l.*, and facilitate embezzlement of stores, &c., and they strongly advised against giving it up. Dated 13 Feb. 1699–1700.

Also the papers referred to, including copy of the report of Sir Christopher Wren and two others, dated 12 Dec. 1699, on the subject.

[Their Lordships ordered that they should continue in possession, and that the new building of the house for the smith should be continued. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 39, 3 May 1700.] 9 *pages.*

Feb. 14. 35. Letter signed by the Earl of Feversham and five others, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring their Lordships to direct their warrant to the woodward-general and the regarders of the forest of Whittlewood, co. Northampton, for the cutting trees in various coppices there. Dated 14 Feb. 1699.

Minuted:—"A warr^t to be prepared." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 14.] 36. Letter signed "Hen. Killegrew," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them to call for the minutes concerning him before the King went to Holland, wherein directions were given in favour of his receiving 500*l.* or 600*l.*, and upon a petition for Mr. Hunt's fine, the King allotted the writer a third part of it (2,000*l.* or 3000*l.*): seeking for payment thereof.

Minuted:—"14 Feb. 1699. M^r Killigrew to have soe much of the 300^li to be paid by two of Hunt's sureties as will remaine after the King's charges are deducted." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 14.] 37. Petition of John Russell, of the city of Norwich, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be appointed receiver-general of the land tax, the duties on marriages, houses, &c., for the city of Norwich, and part of the county of Norfolk, he having been employed on the same on the death of Mr. Smith, &c.

Also a letter from Mr. John Sansom to William Lowndes, Esq., in his favour. Dated 14 Feb. 1699.

Minuted:—"Ref. to the agents." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 38. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the abstract delivered to their Lordships by Mr. Talman of the account of works done at Hampton Court the last summer, stating that they had caused them to be measured, and they amounted to 5,246*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* Besides these works, which comprehend only the great stairs, &c., &c., the finishing the great bedchamber, &c., &c., would amount to 1,846*l.* 7*s.* 2½*d.*

The Earl of Albemarle's lodgings amounted to 765*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*

The works within the house specified in Mr. Talman's estimate of November last amounted to about 4,800*l.* Dated 16 Feb. 1699–1700. 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 39. Report of the same to the same, on an estimate of works directed to be done with all expedition in the parks and gardens

1699–1700. at Hampton Court; stating that they had already reported on a portion of the estimate, and when they could be brought to measurement the remainder should be exhibited. Dated 16 Feb. 1699–1700.

Accompanied by "the proposalls of Henry Wise," for carrying out the works, amounting to 6,638*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 5, 12 March 1699–1700, is:—"The letter to Mr Fred. Hening, for his paying over to Mr Wise for the gardens at Hampton Court, 6,638. 14. 3., is read and approved." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 40. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the widow Vaux, who complained against the Governor of Surrat that he had seized the goods of her husband soon after his death, pretending that they belonged to the King, as her husband died without children; that she paid 12,000 rupees for licence to come from Surrat with her goods, and sailed for Europe in a French ship, with certain of her goods, and being ill on her arrival in France her goods were sent on and seized, being valued at 993*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*; praying for remission of the King's part of the forfeiture. Their opinion is, that as the officer had compounded with her and received more than his share, the King ought not to have less than what was due for Customs, and then they did not object to their Lordships' favour being extended to her; but her relief ought not to come out of the King's purse and be put into the officer's private pocket. Dated 19 Feb. 1699.

Also the petition and three other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 1st March 1699. A warrt (upon paying the 331. 1. 7.) to repay to her the 82. 4. 1. by way of incidts, and lett this report be brought in again when ye Comrs of Customs are here." 6 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 41. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Brewer, the elder, and Fabian Stedman, clerks in the office of the Auditor of Excise, expressing the opinion that Sir Basil Dixwell, who was auditor of the Excise, ought to make them a suitable allowance, as he had 500*l. per ann.* salary, and 260*l. per ann.* for clerks. Dated 20 Feb. 1699.

Minuted:—"Sir Basil Dixwell to be writ to, to pay the allowances for malt & leather to George Bruere & Fabian Stedman, who are the clerks that perform the service relating to those accounts." 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 20. 42. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Eliz. Glanvill, widow, informing their Lordships that the petitioner's husband had been employed as gauger and afterwards as examiner of the country office books, and was entrusted with the sale of certain old office books, which brought 33*l.* 3*s.*, for which he had not accounted when he died. There was, however, 17*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.* due to him for salary. Dated 20 Feb. 1699.

Also the petition.

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Minuted:—"19th April 1700. Ordered that the salary be paid to her, & she discharged of the debt for the old books sold. Wt signed." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 43. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Gape, jun., Esq., who was a security for Thomas Richards, gent., late receiver of several taxes for the county of Hertford, against whom the petitioner had to sue out an extent, by which his debt was reduced to 274*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, the process on which, at the receiver's petition was stayed: submitting it to their Lordships whether the receiver should be further indulged or the petitioner should have liberty to proceed. Dated 20 Feb. '99.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 44. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edw. Ward, the executor of Patric Gilmore, late collector of Excise, his children and sureties; advising that the petitioners ought to pay 283*l.* 14*s.* 1½*d.* due on Gilmore's account. Dated 20 Feb. 1699.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"19th Apr. 1700. Agree wth the report." 3 *pages.*

[? About 21 Feb.] 45. Petition of the officers and messengers belonging to the General Penny Post Office, showing that they had exhibited divers articles as to the mismanagement of that office by Mr. Wm. Dockwra, the controller, and fully proved them at divers hearings before the Postmaster-General; praying for his removal as he was so irregular, vexatious and troublesome, and not fit to be any longer borne with.

Accompanied by a certified copy (dated 21 Feb. 1699–1700) of six certificates by officers of the post office of the truth of the matters contained in a printed paper annexed, entitled, "Part of the illegal practices of the Penny Post Office."

And another certified copy of two affidavits on the same subject. Certified on 6 Feb. 1699–1700.

The printed paper states that it was proved that letters were opened and read publicly, goods taken out and detained, &c. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 46. A warrant or order of the Lords of the Council to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of 200*l.* to Philip Madoxe, to be distributed amongst the under clerks of the Council for their great pains in writing letters and orders to the Lords Lieutenants, officers of the Treasury, Admiralty, &c. Dated 22 Feb. 1699.

With signatures. 1 *page.*

Feb. 23. 47. Affidavit of James Tyrrill, a King's waiter in the Custom-house, setting forth that he had obtained leave of the Comrs of the Treasury to transfer his place to his kinsman Shuckburgh Sill, averring that he did not sell the place, nor was to receive money or other consideration for it. Dated 23 Feb. 1699.

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Also copy of the report of the Com^rs of Customs on Tyrrill's petition seeking to transfer the said office; approving thereof. *Minuted:*—"20 Feb. '99. If he will make a voluntary oath that noe mony or other consideration is given, their Lordships will consent to what is desired."

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 48. Letter signed W. Popple, to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a letter from Mr. Thurston, agent for the company of soldiers at Newfoundland, by direction of the Com^rs of Trade and Plantations, asking him to move the Lords of the Treasury thereon. Dated 23 Feb. 1699–1700.

Minuted:—"Carry this & the other papers containing this to ye K. on Wednesd^a."

The letter referred to, asking for no delay in ordering the money for the soldiers at Newfoundland, as Mr. Birchett assured him all the King's ships would sail at the beginning of the next month. Undated.

Also a paper containing memoranda of totals for necessaries for the company at Newfoundland, which it was desired should be forwarded by the men-of-war about to proceed there. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 49. Memorial of Thomas Burdikin, Geo. Banister, Robert Weddell, Ben. Wodnoth, Mich. Tewly, and John More, on behalf of themselves and some others, late officers and clerks in the country mints, to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that though they had discharged their duties faithfully (now completed 18 months since), and sent in their claims in the previous April, they could obtain nothing satisfactory, but were put off from time to time; praying for speedy redress. Dated 27 Feb. 1699–1700.

Ten signatures. 1 *page.*

Feb. 27. 50. Letter signed "Will. Tailer," addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., respecting the accounts of Mr. Tregagle for the Duchy of Cornwall, which he had requested him (Mr. Tregagle) to bring in. "The greatest part of the revenues are casual, arising by fines for renewing estates, or by coinage duty of tynne," &c. Dated 27 Feb. 1699. 1 *page.*

[? About Feb.] 51. A list of the widows of slain officers, and the amounts of their bounty, together with the dates of the warrants for the same.

The last one that appears is on 7 Feb. 1699, about which time the list perhaps was drawn out. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb.] 52. Letter from Thomas Mathews to William Lowndes, Esq., begging him to put the Lords in mind of his petition that he might be put on the "scheme," according to the prayer and their Lordships' order of 3 Feb. '99.

Also the petition of the said Thomas Mathews, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was receiver-general for Hereford, Brecon, and Radnor, and brought up the taxes from time to time with a strong guard, and was at great charge in bringing and

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carrying hammered money to and from the mints; by the agents of taxes report on his extraordinary charges he was at least out of pocket 370*l.*, and had declined the receipt of the last 3*s.* aid; praying that the 851*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, acknowledged to be due to him, might be settled on some particular fund.

Minuted:—"Read 31 Oct. '99. My Lords will pay this 851*l.* as soon as they can, and as to ye remayning part my Lords will speak w^th^ the agent. 3 Feb. '99. To be put on y^e^ scheme when 'tis made."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 257, 25 April 1701, is:—"M^r^ Thomas Mathews having cleared his acco^ts^ to 851*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, w^ch^ is due to him on an Exchequ^r^ ord^r^, my Lords order that sum to be paid him out of y^e^ Civil List m^o^ on the 4^th^ day of Jan. next." 1½ *pages.*

[After Feb. 1700.] 53. Extract from a letter of the Earl of Bellomont to the Lords Com^rs^ for Trade and Plantations, stating that he sent over Lieut. Hunt this second time for recruits, and in charge of the pirates' effects, in the "Advice" frigate; recommending him strongly to their Lordships. If a company of foot were raised for New York, he hoped he might deserve it, for he had served the King honourably these several years as lieutenant. Dated 28 Feb. 1699–1700. 1 *page.*

March 4. 54. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on certain articles of agreement, made between Anthony Sturt, Esq., and Daniel Neale, relating to certain shares which Mr. Sturt had, in a brewhouse, in partnership with Sir John Freind, lately executed for high treason. Dated 4 March '99.

Also Mr. Lowndes' letter, referring the accompanying memorial of Anthony Sturt to the Attorney-General. 3 *pages.*

March 4. 55. Establishment for the company of Foot at Newfoundland.

Docquetted:—"Establishment and method of payment of a company of Foot at Newfoundland, w^th^ w^t^ is now demanded for them. March y^e^ 4^th^ 1699–700. Report of Mr. Pancefort."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 250, 9 April 1701, is:—"The King will have the new establishment for Newfoundland be supplyd out of so much of the pay of the gunners now on the establishment of the guards and guarrisons." 1 *page.*

[? About March 6.] 56. Petition of the Lady Katherine Fitz Gerald to the King, showing that she lent her brother, Captain Robert Fitzgerald above 3,000*l.*, to be repaid from his salary of checkmaster-general of the musters in Ireland; that he died, and his son, who procured the salary of 200*l.* *per ann.* and an order for 1,500*l.* to satisfy the arrears, refused to pay any part of her claim: praying the King to direct the payment of part thereof.

Minuted:—"A stop to be of all further paym^ts^ to him till she is satisfied."

Undated, but in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 3, 6 March 1699. is:—"Lady Katherine Fz Gerald's petic̃on read: if her nephew do

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not come to an agreem^t to her satisfaction by the first of May next, so much of his arrear of 1,500^li as is not yet rec^d, and his pen̄con shalbe applyed to her as she desires." 1 *page.*

March 7. 57. Letter signed "Th. Grosvenor," to "W^m Lownes," Esq., stating that he had received the enclosed note from Mr. Tailer, and had since spoken to the Surveyor-General, who believed that Mr. Davies delayed the business till the rising of the house; desiring that the Lords of the Treasury would send a summons to Mr. Davis and Mr. Hornby to demand the lease. Dated 7 March 1699.

Also the note referred to.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 8, 15 March 1699 is:—"S^r Tho. Grosvenor w^th M^r Chetwynd & M^r W^m Tailor. M^r Chetwynd, upon the first of May 1699, signed an *irrotulatur* upon S^r Thomas Grosvenor's deed of trust for ye lead mines in Flintshire, & on the 13^th of May '99 signed the particular for Davis's lease; my Lords think it was done for the sake of ye fees. My Lords direct that a *scire facias* be prosecuted by M^r Attorney for vacating the lease to Sam^ll Davis in case he doth not forthw^th surrender it to the K." 2 *pages.*

March 7. 58. Report of S. Travers, Esq., surveyor-general, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Lord Maynard, praying for a new lease for 50 years in reversion, of premises whereon seven tenements were erected, at a small rent and such fine as was reasonable. The surveyor states that the premises formed part of land called St. James' Field, or Pall Mall Field, and the Old High Way, then divided and laid to the several tenements on the south side of Pall Mall Street, leading from Charing Cross to St. James' House, extending from the house built by Sir Philip Warwick on the east, westward to a house intended to have been built by Sir John Denham, now built into tenements near adjoining to the new chapel at St. James', and that the land was held in trust for the Earl of St. Albans: advising that if the lease were granted 500*l.* was a reasonable fine, together with a rent of 40*s.* Dated 7 March 1699.

It contains other particulars of the leases of the property, and amongst the rest that the manor of St. James' was in jointure to the late queen mother, Henrietta Maria.

There are three minutes, the last of which is:—"12 July 1700. The King has resolved not to grant for above 3 lives or 31 years, unless for improvement, and not to grant for any term exceeding 51^ty years from ye date to incourage building, soe if his Lo^p will fill up his term to 51 years, it may be done." 3½ *pages.*

[About March 12.] 59. Petition of Richard Poyke, late clerk of the cheque, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the minutes at the hearings before their Lordships relating to the differences between several of the messengers and the petitioner were ordered to be laid before the King in Council; praying that certain affidavits which he had might be annexed to their Lordships' report.

Minuted:—"Read 12 March 1699. He may have the aff^ts againe

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to make what use of them he pleases, but their Lordps will not annex any affts but such as were read at ye hearing."

A prosecution against him was ordered to cease. (See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 191, 27 Jan. 1700–1.) 1 *page.*

March 12. 60. Petition and proposal of John Farthing, gent., for improving the revenue of Excise 100,000*l.* a year; and drawing attention to his former petition and proposal, dated 16 April 1689, for improving the revenue of Excise on beer, ale, and other liquors, 80,000*l.* a year, and to a second petition and proposals in Oct. 1689 for the improvement of the same, 100,000*l.* Dated 12 March 1699–1700.

With a postscript, promising, in the event of his being appointed, to introduce various improvements into the management of the Excise. 2 *pages.*

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March 13. 1. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Ellis, jun., who had returned great sums of money for collectors of excise and salt in the county of Worcester, but was then a fraudulent debtor for 2,246*l.* 15*s.*, having deposited forged securities. Dated 13 March 1699.

Also the petition.

There are three minutes on the dorse; the second is:—"19 Apr. 1700. The Comrs left to take ye law agt ye petr." 3 *pages.*

[About March 13.] 2. Petition of Mary Warcop, widow of Lieut.-Col. Edmd. Warcop, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her husband was in command of the first regiment of foot guards, and was killed at the battle of Steinkirk; praying for the King's bounty, as she was not inserted in the list of widows who received the Royal bounty.

Also two certificates.

There is this note on the outside:—"Brought in by ye King. 13 March '99." 3 *pages.*

March 14. 3. Report of the Comrs of Transports to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Meyer, master of the ship "Mary," certifying that they hired that ship to carry the Earl of Portland's baggage to Rouen in France, and the master was to have 170*l.* freight; but after the ship proceeded in her voyage they were ordered to take her into monthly service. 542*l.* were due for the hire. Dated 14 March 1699.

Also the petition and a memorandum.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Apr. 1700. Speak to Comrs of Transports to show by what order this ship was provided." 3 *pages.*

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March 16. 4. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Newsham, gent., son and executor of John Newsham, late receiver-general for the county of Warwick; praying for an allowance for the deficiency on 257*l.* for "small money" received by his father. Advising, in this particular instance, that it was not unreasonable to allow him 121*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* Dated 16 March '99.

Also the petition, two affidavits, a state of the account, and a certificate touching these moneys received in the Exchequer. 7 *pages.*

March 16. 5. Letter signed Geo. Doddington, addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., praying him to make out an order for an allowance of 120*l.* to be made by the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the late Treasurer of the Navy, 600*l.* in bank notes having been discounted at 20 *per cent.* to pay 500*l.* to Capt. Geo. Mees for the West India squadron. Dated 16 March 1699–1700. 1 *page.*

March 19. 6. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wm. Clayton, who was a debtor to the Crown; stating that hitherto they could not raise much by his estate. Charles Osburne, Esq. was a surety of Andrew Clayton, the petitioner's brother, and they hoped to raise some of the debt from him. Dated 19 March '99.

Minuted:—"13 Ap. 1700. Read. My Lords concurr with the report."

The petitioner states that he had appeared early in the King's service and had continued very zealous in the same. 2 *pages.*

[About March 19.] 7. Petition of Henry Courthalse, of Dort in Holland, skipper, to the King; showing that on returning to his ship, which had arrived in the Thames, he found two Custom-house officers on board, who, contrary to all the laws of the navy, had commanded his men to bring the ship ashore, which they did; that some words passed between them, and finding two dozen of napkins of his wrapt in one of their coats, which he (the petitioner) was taking to put away, one of them threw him overboard, by which he was nearly smothered; but on his return he threw them both over, for which he was bound in 100*l.* and two sureties in 50*l.* for his appearance. Praying to be forgiven his crime and the acquittal of the recognizances, he having been in Holland on the day fixed for his appearance.

On the back is an order for it to be referred to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 19 March 1699.

Minuted:—"Write to the Court of Exchequer to compound this at as low a rate as may be, if it be estreated." 1 *page.*

March 19. 8. Letter from James Vernon, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of John Smith of Biddeford, merchant, praying for a respite of twelve months for the payment of 1,500*l.* due on bonds for the impost on tobacco; for their Lordships' report thereon. Dated 19 March 1699.

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Minuted:—"Read 19 Mar. 1699, Their Lops canot respit this debt without breach of ye law, whereby the impons are appropriated."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About March 19.] 9. Petition of Thomas Bourne, aged 76, who was a prisoner and claimed a debt of 734*l.* from the Government, which he states had appointed money for payment of debts due to the servants of King Charles II.

Minuted:—"Read 19 March 1699. My Lords do not think fitt (as Mrs. Bourne hath been often told already) to pay any more money on this pretencion."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 186, 21 Jan. 1700–1, is:—"Thomas Bourn, 20li." 1 *page.*

[? About March 19.] 10. Memorial of Sir John Stanley, warden of the mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the continuance of Christopher Ellis as an additional clerk, to assist in the discovery and prosecution of coiners, his appointment having determined by the removal of Mr. Newton, the late warden.

Accompanied by the warrant for the appointment of the said Christopher in 1696.

Minuted:—"19 Mar. '99. To be considered at a full board." 2 *pages.*

March 20. 11. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several poor innkeepers at Northampton, praying payment of 40*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* for quartering soldiers of Capt. Kirk's troop in the Earl of Oxford's regiment, at the end of 1688 and beginning of 1689; in favour of the claim. Dated 20 March 1699.

Also the petition with five signatures.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Ap. 1700. Direct the Earl of Ranelagh to pay this sum to the inhabitants or such as they have appted to receive the same, and to place ye same to the accot of the troop."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 21, 9 Apr. 1700, is:—"Two letters for 40. 13. 9. for the innkeepers of Northton are read & approved." 2 *pages.*

March 20. 12. A memorial from Lord Carlisle, to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring that the grant to him of the estate of the late Sir John Fenwicke, which was granted to the Earl to pay Sir John's debts, might pass generally, and not be subjected to an account for surplus, when there could be none. Dated 20 March '99.

Accompanied by two schedules of debts amounting to more than 3,000*l.* 2½ *pages.*

March 20. 13. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor [Attorney-General], to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Worth and others, and on Mr. Surveyor-General's report thereon, relating to the arrears of the perquisites of the Havener's office of the Duchy of

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Cornwall; giving his opinion that by law these arrears belonged to the King, for being arrears incurred before the date of the lease, they could not pass to the lessee by virtue of the lease, but it seemed reasonable that the arrears should be granted by privy seal. Dated 20 March 1699.

The report and petition referred to.

Minuted:—"A privy seal. To have the profitts paying the rent." 3 *pages.*

March 21. 14. An Order in Council, on the petition of Captain Michael Lange, praying a proportionable reward for discovering a fleet of 52 sail coming from France, calling themselves Swedes, which were taken to Plymouth by Sir Geo. Rooke, and the greatest part of their lading, at the petitioner's prosecution, condemned as prize; sending the annexed copy of the petition, recommending the petitioner for further reward. Dated 21 March 1699.

The copy of the petition, in which he says the value of the Customs [on the goods] amounted to near 80,000*l.* He was thrown into prison, and had to defend himself against litigious suits, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 2 July 1700. Nil."

There is also a similar minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 92, 2 July 1700.

A brief note from Walter Clavill to William Lowndes, Esq., on the same subject. 3½ *pages.*

[About March 22.] 15. Petition of John Pellat, of Arundel, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be reimbursed the duty of 6*d. per* bushel paid on 215½ quarters of malt shipped by him for the King's brew-house at Plymouth, and lost by stress of weather.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Mar. '99. My Lords cannot grant this, the duty being appropriated." 1 *page.*

[About March 22.] 16. The case of Mrs. Sarah Cobbett, who was executrix of her father, Mr. Robert Cobbett, to whom the Crown was indebted 3,000*l.*; showing that she had acquainted Col. Venner of several arrears in the hands of the receivers of the hearth money, whereby above 10,000*l.* were brought to the Treasury: praying payment of her debt.

Minuted:—"Rejected 22 Mar. '99. For the arrears of her m^{o} were in charge before the proper officers, & there was no discovery."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 250, 9 April 1701, is:—"Sara Cobbot. Ref. to see if a discovery." 1 *page.*

March 22. 17. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain John Braddyll; in favour of remitting 238*l.* recovered against him by verdict in the Court of Exchequer upon certain wines and brandy which had not paid the Custom. Dated 22 March 1699.

The petition and nine other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Agree wth the report." 14 *pages.*

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March 24. 18. An order from the House of Commons for the attendance of Edward Hooton, Anthony Goodreed, &c., bone-lace makers, of the counties of Buckingham, Bedford, [and Northampton], to make good the allegations of their petition, and for the attendance of the Com^rs for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlers. Dated 24 March 1699.

The petition referred to, which complained of the arbitrary proceeding and oppression of travelling officers or informers, under colour of authority derived from the Com^rs for Transportation, who were empowered to grant licenses to hawkers and pedlers.

"A list of the Committee to examine the petition of the Lacemen," and copies of two legal opinions, dated in 1698, as to whether the persons who bought up lace and sold it at a Lace Chamber in Aldersgate Street, and others who went about to the Exchange and several houses to sell the lace, were hawkers and pedlers. 5 *pages.*

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[About March 26.] 19. Petition of Peter Beaubuisson to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of his salary at 380*l.* *per ann.*, amounting to 475*l.* at Lady-day 1699; urging that he had to provide dogs meat, and keep several horses and servants for the King.

Another petition from him for his salary ending at Christmas 1699.

Also a paper entitled "An account of mony paid, and of mony in arrear to M^r Beaubuisson, gentleman of the guns, for riding charges, &c., by vertue of my Lord Chamberlain's warrants, since the year 1690." 26 March 1700.

Minuted:—"Lett M^r Tailer make a state of all his demands from ye beginning."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 19, 3 April 1700, is—"The King will allow nothing for ryding charges to M^r Beaubuison."

Also another memorandum as to the salary of Mr. Beaubuisson, for which he sought payment, as master of the bows, keeper of the private armoury, and master of the setting dogs. Undated.

In the *Money Book* is an order, dated 3 May 1700, for payment of 253*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, to complete his salary of 380*l.* *per ann.*, to Midsummer 1699. 4 *pages.*

March 16 and 27. 20. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, on a question arising in carrying out the Act 9 & 10 Will. III. for raising a sum not exceeding two millions for payment of annuities, &c.; expressing the opinion that the produce of the funds appropriated to make good the annuities must be computed to 6 January, &c. Dated 27 March 1700.

Docquetted:—"Case about ye deficiency of y^e fund."

Also an opinion signed "Sam. Dodd," on the same subject. Dated 16 March '99.

Two other papers relating thereto. 3 *pages and* 4 *parts of pages.*

March 28. 21. Order in Council on a paper entitled "A specimen of the frauds committed by Richard Poyke and Thomas Smith, late clerks of the

1700. cheque, to the messengers in passing their bills ;" referring the examination thereof to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 28 March 1700.

The paper referred to.

The prosecution against these persons, as before stated, was ordered to cease on 27 Jan. 1700–1. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 191. 4 *pages.*

April 1. 22. Totals of cash received by the Treasurer for the duties on paper, parchment, and vellum between 1696 and 1 April 1700. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 3.] 23. Memorial of James Chase, apothecary in ordinary to the King's person, showing that 638*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* were due to him on his salary at 115*l. per ann.*, and that Mr. Jones had received all that was due to him as apothecary and perfumer; praying payment of the debt.

Two certificates in support of the same.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. att a more fitting opportunity. Read 23 June 1701. The King says it must not be."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 19, 3 April 1700, is:—"Mr Chase's mem^ll^ to be laid before the King at a more convenient time." 3 *pages.*

[? About April 3.] 24. Petition of Capt. James Waller, Lieut.-Governor of Charles' Fort and Kinsale in Ireland, to the King, to grant an order for passing letters patent for a pension of 200*l. per ann.* payable out of the Irish revenue, until the sum of 2,000*l.* expended by him in subsisting French prisoners during the rebellion, should be paid. Without date, but Mr. Secretary Vernon is mentioned, whose era was 1697 to 1700.

Minuted:—"Granted dur. pleasure frō ye time of ye reference."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 19, 3 April 1700, is:—"Cap^t^ James Waller for 200^li^ a year till 2,000^li^ is paid him. Granted." 1 *page.*

April 3. 25. Report of Lord Coningsby to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Euverte Saurency, praying payment of the arrears due to the late Capt. Vileneuf, of Major-General La Mellioneir's regiment of foot: finding that 305*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* were due to him from 1 Sept. 1689 to 31 Dec. 1691, &c., with certain deductions. Dated 3 April 1700.

Minuted:—"Ordered."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 220, 27 Feb. 1700, is:—"Capt. Saurency's mem^ll^ for *205. 4. 5. payable p Lord Coningesby pursuant to his Ma^ts^ warr^t^. There is no fond at present, as soon as there is, that can be applyed to this arreare, the King orders it to be paid." 1 *page.*

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April 3. 26. Petition of Sir Charles Hedges, of Richmond in the county of Surrey, who had a lease of certain land forming part of the old park in Richmond, which did not include certain buildings adjoining: praying, in consideration of the improvements, &c. which he had made, that a lease for 99 years might be granted him of all the premises. Dated 3 April 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X, p. 19, 3 April 1700, is:—"S^r Charles Hedges pet^n to fill upp his lease to 99 years. The King cannot grant such a terme." 1 *page.*

April 3. 27. Memorial of Sir Scroop Howe, controller of accounts of the duties on salt; praying for the 80*l.* a year promised in 1697, and for an annual salary of 150*l.* as an encouragement for the increase of business by the additional duty of 20*d.* per bushel. Dated 3 April 1700.

Minuted:—"16^th Aprill 1700. W^t signed for paying the 80^li *p ann.* for the 2 clerkes & the arreares thereof." 1 *page.*

April 11. 28. The demands of Robert Lucas, chief governor of His Majesty's Tower of London, for the safe keeping of Sir Richard Leving, [Solicitor-General for Ireland], from 16 Jan. 1699 to 11 April 1700. [He was committed to the Tower as the author of certain groundless and scandalous reports about the Com^rs for the Irish Forfeitures. See *Oldmixon's History of England*, p. 203.] 1 *page.*

April 16. 29. Report of Mr. Robert Sizer to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Thomas Herbert, the King's clock and watch maker, finding that there was due to him in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office, 202*l.* 10*s.* for seven alarum watches "of custom allowed to the seven pages of the King's bedchamber every third year," and for other services. Dated 16 April 1700.

Minuted:—"3 June 1700. My Lords will insert these bills in the next disposition." 2 *pages.*

[About April 16.] 30. Petition of Wm. Clayton to the Lords of the Treasury, craving a second warrant to the Com^rs of Customs to pass his debenture for 1,880 pounds of tobacco exported from the port of Liverpool to Ireland.

Minuted:—"16^th Apr. 1700. A warr^t to allow the deb^r for the 1,880^li w^t, upon his proving that it was destroyed."

Also copy of the former warrant in relation to 20,902 pounds of tobacco shipped thither. 3½ *pages.*

April 17. 31*a*. Letter from Wm. Lowndes, Esq., to William Blathwayt, Esq., expressing their Lordships' desire that he should examine the allegations of Capt. Dahlem and others, (who prayed to be inserted in an additional list of half-pay,) and report specially to their Lordships. Dated 17 April 1700.

Accompanied by two petitions, one from Capt. Dahlem, Capt. De la Bene and Capt. Millon, and the other from Capt. John La Tour, Capt. John Gignon, and Capt. Daniel Campagne. ½ *page.*

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1700. [About April 17.] 31*b*. Petition of the King's heralds and pursuivants of arms, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to make a favourable report on their case in respect of the coronation fees, &c. due and payable to them according to custom, that the King might order speedy payment thereof. They had not been pressing during the war, and Mr. King, Lancaster Herald, would attend to explain anything.

Accompanied by memoranda in relation to their claim, which appears to have amounted to 717*l*.

Undated, but in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 26, 17 April 1700, is:—"Heralds peticon for their coronacon fees to be considered by my Lords, who are to give their opinions to the King."

Minuted thus:—"10 July 1700. Mr Gregory King to be here on Tuesday." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

April 19. 32. Report of the Comrs for Glass and Paper Duties to the Lords of the Treasury, laying the accounts of the duties on paper, parchment, and vellum (which had expired) before the Lords of the Treasury; the other duties had also expired, the manufacturers were very much in arrears, many of them still under prosecution, &c., and they had not been able to complete their accounts; they also sought their Lordships' determination of the debentures from Newcastle, &c. Dated 19 April 1700. 1 *page*.

[About April 19.] 33. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Clarke, a collector of Excise in the counties of Hereford and Worcester, stating that he was indebted 2,091*l*. 19*s*. 10*d*., and that they had caused him to be sued, and were of opinion that they ought so to have done. Undated.

Also an order in Council and his petition.

Minuted:—"19th Apr. 1700. Agree wth the report." 5 *pages*.

April 19. 34. Presentment by the same to the same, stating that several surveyors and officers in the London Brewery, who had formerly quitted the service, had promised, if employed again, to make discoveries of negligence, frauds, &c., in the revenue, whereupon they had been so employed with great advantage, for in 26 weeks, the London Brewery increased 39,988¼ barrels of strong beer and 6,066 barrels of ale, being 9,568*l*. 2*s*. 11*d*. more than in the corresponding weeks of the previous year, since that time it had slackened; the fifth division had increased the most; they had appointed Mr. John Teeton to be surveyor of that division, whose remarkable service had produced 4,226*l*. and upwards from Christmas 1698–1699 more than the preceding year; they had removed him to the ninth division in hopes his management would advance that division, which was the largest; advising the encouragement of such meritorious officers by some gratuity, and recommending him specially. Dated 19 April 1700.

Minuted:—"19th Apr. 1700. A reward of 50£ for his extry service & (as an encouragement to him for the future) to be pd by Comrs Excise & placed to accot of incidents."

Wt signed. 1½ *pages*.

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April 22. 35. Letter from Mr. Burchett to William Lowndes, Esq., making an appointment with him for the morrow, as the Lords of the Admiralty intended to consider what should be done with Capt. Kidd's effects; the Attorney and Solicitor-General and Sir Charles Hedges were also to meet them. Dated 22 April 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 27, 19 April, is:—S^r Charles Hedges calld in; M^r Chancell^r acq^ts him that they desired to speak w^th him to know how y^e merchandize brought home w^th Capt. Kid ought to be taken care of. S^r Cha. says, that the Marshall of the Adm^ty should take them in arrest, and give notice on the Exchange for persons to make their claims. And that some person be appointed by y^e Treſy to attend the prosecuc̃on of the matter, and that the Soll^r of the Treſy may be proper to take care of it. That M^r Crawley, y^e Register of the Adm^ty may be proper to take care of any of the goods that are not bulky. M^r Crawley, Reg^r of y^e Adm^ty, called in and acquainted that S^r Cha. Hedges has inform^d their Lord^ps that he is the proper officer to take the charge of y^e money & jewells brought home w^th Kid, & of the money of the bulkey goods when sold, w^ch in the meantime are thought fit to be lodged in his Ma^ts Custome-house warehouse, which M^r Crawley promises to do. Capt. Hunt, who brought home Capt. Kid's cargo, comes in: askt if any goods were in the ship w^ch did not belong to Kid and his associates. Answers no, not that he knows of. M^r Cheke cald in, told that he is to take care of arresting the goods, &c. as Marshall of y^e Adm^ty, and to give the proper notice, which he promises to do." 1 *page.*

April 24. 36. A schedule of debts owing by the Victualling office, for which warrants are made out to be paid in course. Dated 24 April 1700. 1 *page.*

April 24. 37. Report of Lord Coningesby to the Lords of the Treasury, on the pretensions of several officers in the annexed petition, who belonged to the French regiment of foot, under the command of the Earl of Lifford, who were not paid their arrears in Ireland; certifying their names and the amounts due. Dated 24 April 1700.

Also the petition of the officers. 2 *pages.*

April 24. 38. Extract of a memorial to the King from the Lords Com^rs for Trade and Plantations. They state that they had received from the Earl of Bellomont, the Governor of New England and New York, a letter dated 28 Feb., giving an account of an alarm of a general insurrection and rebellion of all the Indians during that month, which had mightily frightened the English, especially those in the frontier towns. For preventing the mischief by the defection of the five nations of Indians in combination with others, his Lordship proposed, in place of the 180 private men of the four companies of foot, they should be made up to 400, for security of the new fort to be built in the country of the Onondages, and of Albany and Schenectady, which were much out of repair; the usual sum of 800*l* should be laid out in presents for the natives. The Com^rs

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agreed in the necessity of the augmentation, and that the pay due from the time they were to be satisfied by debentures upon Ireland, might be duly paid, they being in debt to the victuallers 10,000*l.* Agreeing also to the presents, which should be sent out in H.M. ship the "Advice," then bound thither. Dated 24 April 1700.

Minuted:—"Write to M^r^ Popple to send an acc^t^ of all the particulars w^ch^ will come within the 800^li^ mentioned in this mem^ll^."

[The complete document is printed in *Documents relating to Colonial History of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 639. It appears, however, to differ in some particulars from the above.] 3 *pages.*

April 25. 39. Order in Council, on the petition of Andrew Bourgett and others, born in the principality of Orange, for leave to import 200 tons of wine "on single customs," so as the wines be of the growth of Orange, and sent down the river Rhone to Leghorn, without touching any French land; referring the petition to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 25 April 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 20^th^ May 1700. My Lords cannot advise the granting the pet^rs^ request, and the dutys being appropriated they cannot be lessened."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

April 29. 40. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring their Lordships to move the King to direct one of the Secretaries of State to write to his Ambassador in Holland to request of the States General of the United Provinces to send George Murrey, late collector of Excise, who was apprehended and imprisoned at Rotterdam, for withdrawing from England with 3,414*l.* 7*s.* 3¾*d.* They were obliged to maintain him in custody at the rate of 18 stivers a day, and they thought if confined in England he might be induced to make satisfaction. Dated 29 April 1700.

Minuted:—"To be read to His Mat^y^. Send to Sec^ry^ Vernon that he may write to M^r^ Stanhop for this."

A minute for Mr. Stanhop to send over George Murray is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 36, 30 April 1700. 1 *page.*

May 2. 41. Letter of Col. Gibson to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to three bills drawn by him in Newfoundland, praying them to give speedy directions for paying them, as there was already an action commenced against him. Dated 2 May 1700.

Minuted:—"See how farr the hackney coach money is now charged, and aske my Lord Ranelagh whether he has any remnant of mony applicable to this use."

Accompanied by the notice of action. 2 *pages.*

May 3. 42. Letter signed John Thornhugh, addressed to his "honoured friend William Lowndes, Esq.," applying for the place of woodward of the forest of Shirewood in the county of Nottingham, for his son, Andrew Thornhugh, as his worthy friend and neighbour, Thomas Hewett, Esq., was given over by his physicians. There were some

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hundreds of trees gone, and he applied in order to preserve the King's timber. He hoped he did not think he designed the private advantage to his son, as he hoped to leave him 2,000*l. per ann.*

His son was careful to preserve the King's deer, though they destroyed abundance of his (the father's) corn. He had never partaken of His Majesty's favour by having a warrant for a stag, not knowing where properly to apply. Dated 3 May 1700.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. to-morrow." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 3. 43. "Neat produce of the dutys on salt from 28th 7ber 1699, to the 3d May 1700." 1 *page.*

May 4. 44. Copy of a builder's survey of the press house wherein the money was coined, the provost of the moneyer's house, and the controller's house [at the Mint]. Dated 4 May 1700.

Probably an enclosure. See Vol. LXX., No. 9, 23 July, and No. 42, 8 Oct. 1700. ½ *page.*

May 4. 45. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Philips, commander, and the owners of the ship "Eaton," being a further report on the case previously described under 2 Jan. 1699-1700 (Vol. LXVII., No. 1). Dated 4 May 1700.

Two petitions, a copy of the former report, and a short letter relating thereto.

One of the petitions is minuted:—"Read 29 May 1700. My Lords cannot stay the proceedings." 6 *pages.*

May 6. 46. Letter of Mr. Stanyan to William Lowndes, Esq., further urging the necessities of his case; every one of the Lords referred him to him (Mr. Lowndes) to move them on his behalf, but last year he (Mr. Lowndes) had told the writer he must go to their several houses and solicit them, which he had done, and their answer was Mr. Lowndes was the only man apprised of his concern. He begged Mr. Lowndes to move their Lordships, unless he thought he had not suffered enough, but he knew he (Mr. Lowndes) was a man of better morals and more justice than to leave his services, done to the revenue, in oblivion. The claim he made was his all, and many families depended on it He hoped he would move his business on the morrow at Hampton Court, where he (Mr. Stanyan) would attend. He enclosed his memorial for perusal. Dated 6 May 1700.

Accompanied by the memorial, in which he mentions that their Lordships had made full minutes on his case in Oct. 1697.

The *Minute* on 27 Oct. 1697, throws a good deal of light on the matter. It states that the former reports and matters concerning the farm of Sir James Shaen and others were considered and the report of Mr. Lowndes read; and "as to their demand of 12,000*l.* for loss by the Tangier contract being broken, Mr Lowndes is to attend the Earl of Rochester when he comes to town, to know if his Lop remembers the promise of K. Cha. 2d for ye said 12,000*l.*, or what further light his Lop can give in that matter," &c. Mr. Lowndes

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was directed to examine Mr. Stanyan's demand for 1,124*l.* 3*s.* 3⅝*d.*, and if it was well grounded their Lordships thought he ought to be repaid in Ireland. See *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 26.

His memorial is minuted :—"Read 21 May 1700. His Maty will have him in his thoughts to imploy him when there is a vacancy ;" and in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 57, is the same minute. 2 *pages.*

May 7. 47. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, sending, in pursuance of their Lordships' commands, estimates of several works done and doing by the King's command and the Lord Chamberlain's warrant, amounting to 3,550*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*; besides these, other works had lately been directed for the accommodation of the King's servants and the officers of the household, which should speedily be represented. Dated 7 May 1700. 6 *pages.*

May 8. 48. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the letter of Mr. William Middleton, relating to the coal meters of the city of London. They had brought the meters to be satisfied with ½*d.* per "chalder," which is but half what they had on the former duty, out of that the under-meters were to have half. For the year ending 15 May 1699 it amounted to 627*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, which they would pay if their Lordships approved. Dated 8 May 1700.

Minuted :—"Agreed & ordered."

The letter and the reply of the 15 coal-meters. 3 *pages.*

May 8. 49. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Bartholomew Conly, merchant, who having sustained losses in the late war beyond 16,000*l.*, had compounded with his creditors, but was prosecuted for a debt to the Crown. Stating they saw no reason why he should be relieved, for what the King remitted must be paid to the prosecutor. Dated 8 May 1700.

Also the petition and two other papers.

Minuted :—"Read 29 May 1700. My Lords can give no relief in this case." 4 *pages.*

May 8 50. Copy of presentment of the same to the same, as to the repayment to merchants of Poole, Dartmouth, &c., of certain customs on train oil from Newfoundland. Dated 8 May 1700.

Minuted :—"Look out Mr Attorney's opinion." 1½ *pages.*

May 9. 51. Order in Council, on the petition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, [the old East India Company], relating to the seizing, by the officers of Customs, of jewels of very great value brought from the East Indies in the ship "Neptune." Referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury to report upon against that day se'nnight. Dated 9 May 1700.

Minuted :—"Report made, dated 24 May 1700."

Also the petition, which states that they had given security in 30,000*l.* for the payment of the Customs on the said goods, and

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another bond for 15,000*l.* for the further duty of 15 *per cent.* They took out a sufferance for bringing the diamonds, musk, pearl, and jewelry into one of their warehouses, in order to be valued for the duty, which sufferance was delivered to one Raynton, an officer of Customs, who instead of performing his duty, in conjunction with two other officers, seized the jewels, &c. for themselves and the new East India Company. The Com^rs^ so far countenanced the seizure as to order the jewels to be carried to the King's warehouse, where they are entered three-fourths to the use of the new Company, and the other fourth to their own use. Praying that the Com^rs^ and other officers of Customs might not intermeddle in what was properly a dispute only between the petitioners, their agents, factors, and servants, and the new Company.

Judging from the arguments in this case, which are fully entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., pp. 48–55, on 15 and 17 May, and occupy about seven pages, this must have been a most important case. The conclusion their Lordships came to was:—"Upon consulting w^th^ ye King's counsell, my Lords see no reason for laying the restraint upon ye Com^rs^ or officers of ye Customes as is desired." 3 *pages.*

May 9. 52. Copy of an Order in Council promising a pardon and 100*l.* to any one of the offenders who was engaged in transporting wool from Canterbury to the sea side, when one John Harding of Canterbury was shot at Tunford Bridge. The terms were, that he should discover and apprehend three or more of the persons concerned in that murder. The officers of Customs endeavoured to seize the wool and Harding was shot by his own party. Dated 9 May 1700.

Report of Henry Baker, giving an account of the murder and what he had done. He observes that the mayor and town [of Canterbury] were very cool in the matter, and suggests that the reward should be offered. Dated 30 April 1700. 3 *pages.*

May. 11 53. Letter from the Com^rs^ of Revenue in Ireland to Mr. Secretary Lowndes, asking him to lay before the Lords of the Treasury the enclosed papers relating to a French ship seized by one Captain Richard Brown, commander of the "Swift" shallop, which he kept under seizure, and would not proceed against the master under the Act prohibiting the exportation of wool, &c. from Ireland; insisting that they (the Com^rs^) should do it. Begging their Lordships' directions. Dated 11 May 1700.

Accompanied by the case of Capt. Richard Browne and an affidavit as to the ship's crew being stripped of their clothes, &c., they being of woollen manufacture, &c.

A list of the said wearing apparel.

A copy of the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor-General and of Mr. Foster upon clauses of the Act relating to woollen manufacture. 3 *pages and* 3 *half pages.*

May 13. 54. Answers from the Com^rs^ of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, in reference to statements made by the Proposers for farming

the Excise; viz., as to the charges of management, &c. Dated 13 May 1700.

Enclosing a paper showing the gross and neat produce on the duty on salt. 3½ *pages.*

May 13. 55. A certified copy, signed Wm. Dockwra, controller, of "a list of the officers belonging to the Penny Post Office, charged in this present aide tax, for granting His Majestie ye summ of 1,484,015£ 1/11¼." Certified 13 May 1700.

Another list of moneys assessed upon officers to that aid, whose salaries did not exceed 60*l. per ann.* No date. 2 *pages.*

May 15. 56. Report of the Comrs of Excise, on the petition of Allen Garrard, who was bound with one John Goodeve in a bond with a penalty of 3,000*l.* as surety for George Murrey, one of the collectors of Excise; finding that there were great dealings between Murrey and the petitioner on account of returns, and they had great reason to believe that there was a design formed between the petitioner and Murrey to go off with a considerable sum of the King's money; for the petitioner was accustomed to accept bills drawn on him in fictitious names, when there were no such persons as the pretended drawers. They were informed that the petitioner went great part of the last round when Murrey collected, and actually received great part of the moneys collected, and concealed him in London at his own house, and complained to the Board that Murrey had withdrawn himself. They had arrested the petitioner, seized his goods and an estate in Essex valued at 30*l. per ann.* They advised that the petitioner deserved no favour, as he had assisted Murrey's escape and had given advice to the other surety to abscond. Dated 15 May 1700.

Minuted:—"12 June 1700. My Lords concur in opinion with the Comrs of Excise."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

May 15. 57. "The state of the charge of sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners at war from the 11th of July 1689 to the 30th of September 1699." Dated 15 May 1700.

With this attestation at the foot:—"1700, May 15. This is coppy of the originall account delivered into Parliament upon the 14 December 1699. By us hereunder written:—

"Tho. Addison.

"Antho. Shephard." 1 *large page.*

[? About May 17.] 58. Memorial of His Highness the Duke of Wurtemburg, who commanded the Danish troops during the war with France, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying speedy payment of his annexed account for forage money, amounting to 1,000*l.*

Also the account, with the objections of Mr. Hill in another column, and the replies thereto in a third (the latter in French).

Minuted:—"Read 17 May 1700. My Lords are satisfied that there is no forrage money due to ye D. of Wertimberg." 4 *pages.*

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1700. May 20. 59. Report, signed Paul Boyer, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what profit was made by Mr. Acourt and his partners of any lotteries (other than the Royal Oak Lottery) for two or three years before the passing the late Act for suppressing the same. The sub-farms were let together, and it was impossible to say what their loss was, but they were considerable losers, chiefly in the farms of the counties of England and at Bartholomew and Southwark Fairs. Dated 20 May 1700. 1 *page.*

[? About May 20.] 60. Memorial of the Lady Parkyns, widow of the late Sir William Parkyns, and her five children, referring to a former petition in which she prayed for the remainder of her late husband's estate, upon which Mr. Henry Baker had issued a commission of inquiry in Hertfordshire, and an estate of 74*l. per ann.* had been found. Praying that he might have directions to do the like in Warwickshire, where her small jointure lay.

Minuted:—"20 May 1700. Mr Baker is to dispatch this matter as soon as he can."

The following undated paper also relates to the affairs of the Lady Parkyns:—

A paper docquetted:—"State of the Lady Parkins' case." Consisting of a number of particulars relative to the manor of Bushey, in Hertfordshire, the manor house, goods, &c. there; the manors of Marston Jalett and Grange Lees, and lands in Bulkington and Woolvey in Warwickshire; lands purchased of Mr. Matthew Smith in Warwickshire, Leicestershire, and city of Coventry, and an estate at Northampton, which was Mrs. Fuller's, the Lady's mother's: with all which Sir William Parkins appears to have been connected. The claims on the properties are also set out.

Undated. A deed of trust is mentioned of 1693–4.

[This does not appear to be referred to in the *Minute* or *Letter Books.*] 3 *pages.*

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1700. May 21. 1. "An account of the debentures that have been made by y^e^ Com^rs^ of Transportation & by them delivered to y^e^ persons concern'd for ye ships y^t^ were in the Irish transport service."

The return is in columns, the ships being arranged alphabetically, and there are three shorter lists at the end. Dated 21 May 1700.

The docquet adds that the list was "given to Com^rs^ for stating y^e^ acc^ts^ of y^e^ army, &c." *A book of* 28 *pages.*

May 21. 2. "The charge of transporting y^e^ army, from their coming out of Ireland after its reduction to y^e^ end of y^e^ year 1699."

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A paper thus entitled, containing a list of officers in the army, and sums against each.

Docquetted :—"21 May 1700. The Com^rs^ of Transportation their charge upon y^e^ severall regiments since y^e^ reduction of Ireland." 3 *pages.*

[About May 21.] 3. Petition of Major General Steuart to the King, showing that he released the King from a debt of 7,500*l.*, due for the service of his regiment, and in consideration thereof and of several hazardous and chargeable services to Spain and elsewere, he had a grant of forfeited land in Ireland to the value of 800*l. per ann.* for 99 years; he had been at 1,000*l.* expense in finding the estates and passing the grant, and now it was void by Act of Parliament, 3,962*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* of his debt was for interest of money advanced for his regiment 10 years before; praying for a contingent warrant for that amount.

Minuted :—"Read 21 May 1700. The King is inclined to gratifye his request if a way can be found out for doing of it. A w^t^ has been signed."

There is a minute to the same effect in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 57. 1 *page.*

[About May 22.] 4. Petition of Nicholas Mynnooch, of Rye, in Sussex, the King's late muster master there, for repayment of 10*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* paid by him for taxes assessed on officers of the navy in the year 1697.

Accompanied by another paper relating thereto.

Minuted :—"Read 22 May 1700. To be considered when others of like nature are considered." 2 *pages.*

May 24. 5. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ann, wife of Henry Crymes, finding that the said Henry had a fortune of 3,000*l.* with his wife, which they had spent, and upon a rule of Court he was ordered to pay her 8*s.* a week out of his pension of 30*s.* per week, provided she informed her husband where she lived, which she had refused to do. Dated 24 May 1700.

Minuted :—"17 June 1700. When she complys with the order of the Court my Lords will order y^e^ 8^s^ p week." 2 *pages.*

[? About May 24.] 6. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury, of Sir John Bucknall, Governor, and the rest of the undertakers for raising Thames water in York Buildings; complaining that the King's Mews, which they had supplied, were then supplied by the "City water," and that their pipes were useless; and praying an order for the payment of 68*l.* due for rent of the water.

Referred to Francis Negus, Esq., surveyor of the Mews, 24 May 1700. 1 *page.*

May 27. 7. Petition of Col. John Hales, Sir James Wood, and the rest of the captains that served in the late regiment of foot, formerly commanded by Col. Hales, but last by Col. Colt; praying an order to

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the Earl of Ranelagh to allow and pay what was due. Dated 27 May 1700.

Minuted:—"Look out the report and prepare a warr^{t}." 1 *page.*

May 28. 8. "A list of debts owing by the Victualling office to the last of May 1699, for the payment whereof tallys are assigned. 28th May 1700." 2 *pages.*

May 28. 9. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Glover of London, merchant, as to certain damaged tobacco forfeited; advising that it should be left to a trial at law, or to such a composition that the King might be entitled to some share of the forfeiture as well as the officer. The seizure was made under a clause in the Act of Frauds, against fraudulent shipping of goods by certificate, in order to debenture. Dated 28 May 1700.

Also the petition, a previous report, and three other papers on the same subject,

Minuted:—"Proceed at law till a composition is offerd." 8 *pages.*

May 28. 10. Presentment of the same to the same, announcing that the officers of Customs had given despatch to the Morocco agents' goods, in the easiest manner they could, and laying before them the account of the customs thereof. Dated 28 May 1700.

The said account.

Minuted:—"To be p^{d} out of secret service money." 2 *pages.*

May 29. 11. A letter from Mr. Lowndes to the officers of Works, for an account of all the works then going on at Hampton Court to be given to their Lordships. Dated 29 May 1700. 8 *lines.*

May 30. 12. Letter written by William Welbye, by command of the [Duke of Devonshire], Lord Steward of the Household, to William Lowndes, Esq., desiring him to represent to the Lords of the Treasury that at the time the Lord Pembroke went as one of the plenipotentiaries to the treaty of Ryswick, his Grace sent him upwards of 2,000 ounces of the King's plate, which had not been restored, the remainder, which is not a fifth of that quantity, their Lordships had required him to return to the Jewel office, which would be very inconvenient, as he had to keep two tables, one at Hampton Court, and the other at Devonshire House; and therefore he hoped they would dispense with it, &c. Dated 30 May 1700.

Minuted:—"25 June 1700. When my Lord Presid^{t} brings in ye plate lent him when he went into Holland, the D. may have what is desired." 1 *page.*

May 31. 13. Letter of Mr. Walter Devereux to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking to have an enclosed communication laid before the Com^{rs} of Customs, as it was equally requisite for the King's service as his proposal which was then before them. He should be ready to make good his allegation in the presence of Mr. Baker, that he might be despatched. Dated 31 May 1700. 1 *page.*

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1700. [About May.] 14. Petition (signed) of several messengers and letter carriers in the Penny Post Office, in behalf of themselves and the rest of their brethren, complaining that they had been most unjustly and maliciously dismissed by Mr. Dockwra, the comptroller, who had taken money to put others in their room, and [dismissed] the rest for frivolous and vexatious pretences; to make room for his own creatures, to reduce the penny post as low as possible, in order to beg or farm it for himself; praying for redress. Without date, but about May 1700. [A full account of an examination into Mr. Dockwra's affairs is entered in *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 62, 29 May 1700. See also other papers on this subject, Vol. LXVII., No. 7.] 1 *page.*

[About May.] 15. (1.) A comparison of two proposals for farming the Excise and Salt duties.

Also "An estimate of what may be expected from those two proposalls, and that of Sir John Persons *et al.*"

(2.) "Observations on the proposal as to the Excise upon liquors," in Lowndes' handwriting.

Undated, but by comparison with entries as to these farms in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., pp. 45 and 46, viz., 11 and 13 May 1700, and p. 59, 24 May 1700, probably about May 1700. 6 *pages.*

[About May.] 16. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury from Joseph Perkins, clerk, who in the last quarter sessions of the peace, held 3 Oct. 1699 at Kingston-upon-Thames, was convicted of publishing a seditious and scandalous pamphlet against the church government and fined 100*l.*, praying to have the fine remitted, he having laid seven months in prison with no hope of raising the money, and having supported himself in prison by the sale of his clothes for food. The present Archbishop of Canterbury was willing to pardon his offence.

Also copy of his committal on 3 Oct., 11 Will. III. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

June 1. 17. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on Mr. Weddell's bill for prosecution and conviction of Joseph Horton, goldsmith, late of London, for counterfeiting the coin, approving of the charges made; they observe that the discovery and prosecution of Horton was a great public service, he being one of the principal coiners of the kingdom. Dated 1 June 1700.

Also the bill.

Minuted:—"19 July 1700. The officers of the Mint are to pay this."

There is further an order by the said officers to Nicholas Baker, Esq., to defray the charges, their Lordships having given directions that they should be paid. Dated 18 Sept. 1700. 3 *pages.*

June 1. 18. Copy of an account of incident charges paid for the pirates coming from New York by H.M. ship "Newport," and put on board H.M. ship "Gloucester." Dated Boston, 1 June 1700.

An enclosure in one of Lord Bellomont's letters. ½ *page.*

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June 3. 19. Letter from the officers of Ordnance to the Lords [of the Treasury], stating that they had acquainted the Lord Romney with their Lordships' commands for making long fuzees for the Indian nations, upon which his Lordship repeated the King's commands, that no other arms should be sent than such as were in store; and they were then fitting up the lightest for that service. Dated 3 June 1700. 1 *page.*

June 3. 20. "Allowances for the severall services of messengers and articles of their bills;" viz. rates for travelling about with prisoners, and travelling at home and abroad, also the fixed charges for going to Windsor, Hampton Court, &c.
Signed on 3 June 1700, "Jersey," & "Ja. Vernon."
Minuted:—"Approved." 1 *page.*

June 6. 21. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Grebell, and the report of Mr. Henry Baker on the same, in relation to the verdict of 500*l.* obtained against the petitioner and one Geo. Potter, on an information in the Exchequer for evasion of the customs. Dated 6 June 1700.
The report and petition referred to, and a memorandum.
Minuted:—"21 June 1700. Disch[a] the fine & remitt ye charge upon paym[t] of the customs," &c. 5½ *pages.*

June 10. 22. Memorial of Sir Charles Isaac, laying an abstract of the account of the King's expenses, in Holland for 20 weeks in 1699, before their Lordships, and praying for payment. Dated 10 June 1700.
Accompanied by, "The extraordinaryes in the creditor (*sic*) of His Ma[ts] expences in Holland, 1699."
Minuted:—"Carr[y] to H[ampton] Court."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 73, 12 June 1700, is:—"Send S[r] Charles Isaac's mem[ll] to y[e] Board of Greencloth, & desire them to informe my Lords what remaines due to him for ye last yeares expence in Holland."

June 11. 23. Letter of the Com[rs] of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a view of the gross produce of the King's revenue for the quarter ended Lady-day last, with the produce of the same for the same quarter in the previous year. Dated 11 June 1700. 1 *page.*

June 12. 24. Report of the Com[rs] of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Bludworth, Esq., executor of Sir Thomas Bludworth, deceased, one of the sureties of John Clay, late a collector of Excise, referring to a former report of the Com[rs] of Excise in 1693, about his case. He was a collector in North Wales, and became indebted 820*l.* 2*s.* ½*d.*; expressing their opinion that proceedings ought to go on against him unless he paid the sum, and that

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if he paid he should have the benefit of the King's prosecution against Sir Evan Lloyd. Dated 12 June 1700.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"R. to Com^rs of Excise. Agreed." 3 *pages.*

June 12. 25. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Richard Tooth and John Bushell, collectors of Excise, expressing the opinion that the petitioners ought not to be charged with the sums (226*l.* and 311*l.*) mentioned in the petitions, as Toby Mayo and William Lyon, whose bill the petitioners had taken, had failed, and by the action of the then Com^rs of Excise, the petitioners could not secure the amount they were indebted to them. Dated 12 June 1700.

Also the two petitions.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 4½ *pages.*

June 12. 26. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Nicholas Amhurst, late collector of hearth money, stating that they believed that the petitioner was employed to examine the accounts of Shadrack Pride, a collector of hearth money in Somerset, who had converted 139*l.* to his own use, and to surcharge him; but there was no agreement to allow him a moiety of the surcharge, though they were informed it was customary, giving account of the disposal of the property of the said collector and his sureties, and giving their opinion that 95*l.* ought to be raised out of the estate of the said Shadrack and Hugh Pride, &c., and that the petitioner ought to be paid the same. Dated 12 June 1700.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 4 *pages.*

June 12. 27. Copy of a report of the Com^rs of the Board of Trade to the King, as to the allowances heretofore made by the provinces of the Massachusets Bay, New York, and New Hampshire, for their Governors, and what might be expected for their present Governor, the Earl of Bellomont, informing His Majesty that the salary of the Governor of New York was 600*l. per ann.*, but the Earl allowed 200*l. per ann.* to the Lt.-Governor. In the year 1686 Sir Edmund Andros, being appointed Governor of New England (in which New Hampshire and Massachusets Bay were included, but not New York), 1,200*l.* was appointed as his salary for one year. In 1687 the charter of New England was surrendered to the Crown, and the 1,200*l.* was continued out of the settled revenue to Sir Edmund. On the King's accession a new charter was granted to the Massachusets Bay, by which the revenue was made disposable by the Assembly there, since which Sir Wm. Phips and the Earl of Bellomont had been appointed Governors, but the Assembly had hitherto wholly declined to fix the salary. In the province of New Hampshire there had never been any fixed salary. Dated 12 June 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 93, 2 July 1700, is:—"Report of Counsell of Trade, concerning Lord Bellomont's allowances is read. My Lords are to examine it." 2½ *pages.*

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June 12. 28. Letter from Mr. B. Granville to the Right Hon. Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Lords of the Treasury, begging him to move their Lordships to allow him the fees and charges, amounting to 36*l.* "upon the year's rent now growing due." Dated 12 June 1700.
Minuted:—"To be p^d as usually; Mr. Granville 36^li." 1 *page.*

June 12. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Kent, collector of the duty on salt, as to irregular practices in the collection of that duty, by which Mr. John Burrard had had salt delivered to him, the duty of which came to 865*l.* and 6*d.*, without bond, bill of exchange, or money; recommending that the said collector should bear the charges to which he had been put by his mismanagement. Dated 12 June 1700.
Accompanied by the petition. 2½ *pages.*

[? About June 13.] 30. Petition of Andrew Hudleston to the Lords of the Treasury, for allowance till the end of Trinity term, for payment of an arrear of 538*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, by reason of losses in the receipt of taxes for Cumberland and Westmoreland.
Minuted:—"Ordered."
Also an affidavit sworn 13 June 1700. 2 *pages.*

June 14. 31. Letter signed "J. Champante," to William Lowndes, Esq., stating that he had attended the Earl of Ranelagh's office, for the payment of the clearings to the four independent companies at New York for eight months, but for want of due muster rolls the clearings could not be computed, hoping their Lordships would order that certain muster rolls which he had, should govern for the same. Pressing to have the matter laid before their Lordships, as the ship "Advice" would sail in two or three days. Dated 14 June 1700.
P.S.—He had enclosed the costs of the present to the five nations of Indians, the goods must be shipped immediately.
On the dorse, "A letter to M^r Paunceford to bring an answer to this on Wednesday morn^g next." 1 *page.*

June 17. 32. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Martin, late collector of Excise, observing upon the sum of 10*l.* claimed by him for salaries paid, that it was not customary to allow collectors credit for more sums for salaries than those for which they produced vouchers, and further disposing of other claims by him for arrears, &c. Dated 17 June 1700.
Accompanied by the petition and a memorandum.
Minuted:—"My Lords agree w^th the report." 2½ *pages.*

[? About June 18.] 33. Petition of Col. Edw. Leigh to the King, showing that he had clothed the regiment of dragoons lately under his command for two years, that the regiment was ordered by the King to be broke 84 days before the two years expired, and that the Earl of Ranelagh deducted "off the off-reckonings" for the 84 days in his general account to the regiment, and that he finds 563*l.* 10*s.* will be cast on

1700. his own pay thereby. Praying the King to give instructions that the petitioner may have credit given him on the general account for that sum.

Undated, but in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 75, 18 June 1700, is:—"Peticon Coll° Edward Leigh is read." The above is most likely the petition referred to. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 19. 34. Report of the Com^rs of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wm. Clayton, advising the acceptance of the proposal of relations and friends to pay 1,000*l.* in discharge of his debt of 1,600*l.*, and further advising the release of Andrew Clayton, his brother, imprisoned for the same debt in Newgate. Dated 19 June 1700.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed. 19 July 1700. W^t signed for discharging this 1,600 upon paym^t of 1,000 and charges of prosecution, for w^ch debt W^m Clayton stood bound." 1 *page*.

June 19. 35. Letter of Walter Devereux [to the Lords of the Treasury or Com^rs of Customs?], in answer to objections made by Mr. Henry Baker to his proposal for prevention of the smuggling on the coast of Kent, referring to his printed paper laid before them and the members of the House of Commons. He allowed that he had allotted three vessels for the coast of Kent, as it was resorted to by the "shallups and lemanores," being the nearest cut to France. Mr. Baker had done well to have informed their Lordships of the many horse and foot ways in the cliffs between Dovor and Folkstone before he put them upon hiring the "Warren," when the most noted of all the ways for running goods were to the eastward of the part hired, and known by the names of Butt-stairs, Aby Land-stairs, Head-stairs, and Pott-stairs. He avers that the assertion was incorrect that you could ride upon the strand or back from Folkstone to Dover at any time except high spring tides, as was stated; the cliffs between Walmer and Dover were as noted for running goods as any part of Kent, though taken no notice of by Mr. Baker. If the owling trade were in a great measure broken, as he set forth, the country was most grossly abused by the many prosecutions he had against them. His (Mr. Baker's) intelligence from France was very indifferent, for the price of wool there, since his management, had fallen from 35*l.* *per* pack to 15; it was then advanced to 24, and the reason of the better price was the season of the year. The King would pay no more than the charge of building the boats, which were not to exceed seven tons, and were to contain eight able men, and to be as nimble in rowing and sailing as the French shallups or lemanores; they would live in the sea better than any other, but not to be launched into the ocean further than necessity compelled. He would give good security to make good the losses of the vessels and ammunition by casualties; but the King would save considerably by repairing such losses rather than allowing 10,000*l.* *per ann.*; but in seven years there should not be the loss of a vessel; they were not to carry cannon or culverin, but a couple of smart guns to sling a pound bullet; nor to carry ballast more than arms and am-

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munition, and the tackle to wind up their boat; nor would he fix a crab or capstan on shore, but would have on board what would perform it quicker, and with fewer hands. Mr. Baker asserted that 40 men would not draw up a vessel in stormy weather; to show how little he understood of the matter, he would engage to draw up a boat of 12 tons with the help of 16 or 20 fishermen. His ignorance must be evident to the people of Brighthelmston, who drew up ships of great burthen in all weather at that town. As to the persons employed, he had but recommended the supervisor for Sussex.

P.S.—He thought Captain Nash, in his answer, had spoken as modestly as possible of his friends, the commanders of the sloops on the coast. Dated 19 June 1700. 3 *pages*.

June 20. 36. Memorial of Bernard Granville to the Lords of the Treasury, offering some few reasons not presented to their Lordships by his counsel at the hearing of his case in relation to Mote Park, for which the memorialist had accepted 300*l*. a year, but, as he maintained, only as part of the value. Dated 20 June 1700. 3½ *pages*.

June 21. 37. "A state of the wages, board wages, pentions, and other annual allowances to the servants of the household, chamber, chappell and stables, payable in the Cofferer's office for half [a year] ended at Midds. 1699." Dated 21 June 1700. 1 *page*.

June 21. 38. "Mr Henry Baker's Answer to Mr Devereuxes charg of his illegall practices agst ye King & kingdom's intrest;" being the replies *seriatim* to six charges made against him by Mr. Devereux. Dated 21 June 1700.

Accompanied by the said charges. They principally relate to the owling trade carried on near Folkstone since the management of the affairs had been in the hands of Mr. Baker.

In the first reply of Mr. Baker, he says, "that notorious Irish rebel, Morris Trant, was taken in Devereux's house."

There is some further account of these disputes in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 88, 26 June 1700. Mr. Devereux says he would have made good his articles if Mr. Baker had not arrested him. Their Lordships were ready to hear him, but he declined to proceed except by an action against Baker. 6½ *pages*.

June 21. 39. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial entitled the "Case of severall merchants of London now in prosecution in his Mats Court of Exchequer for importing wines from the kingdome of Spain into England;" advising the acceptance of the composition offered. Dated 21 June 1700.

Accompanied by the particulars of the composition.

This is referred to in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 78, 21 June 1700:—Their Lordships would accept a composition of 2/3 of the value of the wines. "And Mr Weeden & Mr Kerne for themselves & all others concerned in ye said ships do promise that they will leave off this trade for ye future; that they will discourage it in others so far as in them lyes; and that they will lay open to my Lords

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ye method by which the said trade of fetching French wine from St. Sebastian and other Spanish ports has been & is managed, soe that my Lords may be better able to prevent it." 2 *pages.*

June 22. 40. Copy of a report of the Com^rs of Trade to the King, stating that they had already laid before the King a state of the allowances which had been made to the Governors of the provinces of Massachusets Bay, New York, and New Hampshire, by way of established salaries, and now represented what had been otherwise done by those provinces, and what might be expected from them for the support of the Earl of Bellomont. It was customary for the General Assemblies to pass acts for making presents to their Governors beyond their salaries, especially on their first arrival. The Assemblies of New York, Massachusets Bay, and New Hampshire, on the Earl's arrival, had passed an act presenting him with 3,000*l.* of their money, being above 30 *per cent.* less in value than the current money of England; but the act had not yet been approved. The only money paid to the Earl since his departure from England in October 1697 was 400*l.* sterling *per ann.* out of the revenue of New York, the Lieutenant having the remaining 200*l.* (the Governor's salary being 600*l.*); New York would hardly make another present; New Hampshire was too poor, and would do little; and Massachusets Bay, a flourishing colony, showed no disposition to do it. Dated 22 June 1700.

[See a similar report, No. 27.] 3 *pages.*

[About June 22.] 41. A short letter signed "Susanna Lund," addressed to the Hon. Wm. Lowndes, Esq., praying his "command to M^r Taylor for payment of such money" as their Lordships should order for Mrs. Arnold and her unfortunate family.

Minuted: — "M^rs Arnold had 50^li bounty on 15 Dec^r last. Ordered & p^d 22 June 1700, 50^li." 10 *lines.*

June 24. [? 1700.] 42. Letter of William Earl of Portland to Mr. Tilson, at the Treasury Chambers, sending him an account of what was due to the Princess's family [? Anne, Princess of Denmark], together with the Treasury fees, as he was told the money would be ordered the beginning of that week. He would excuse the trouble as he (the Earl) saw he was inclined to help him. Dated "June 24^th, Monday."

[The 24th of June 1700 would be Monday.] 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 24. 43. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Arran, praying that the respites on his troop, afterwards commanded by Col. Harvey, might be taken off; they amounted to 379*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* The Earl attended His Majesty as a volunteer in Flanders in every campaign, and received no profits of the troop; if their Lordships thought it reasonable, the warrant must be countersigned by them, as was done with Lord Windsor's troop. Dated 24 June 1700.

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Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"2 July 1700. The K. will allow the respits of himselfe & three servts, but not of his troopers." 2 *pages.*

[About June 24.] 44. A state of the account of the Farmers of the Royal Oak Lottery, by Paul Boyer, who states that 744*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* were due to the Exchequer for their rent to Michaelmas 1699. He prayed that they might be heard.

Minuted:—"Read 24 Jun. 1700. My Lords expect ye Farmrs complyance according to their promise on the minute of 31th past."

Accompanied by a certified copy of a minute of the Lords of the Treasury of 10 July 1700, signed J. Taylour, in respect to an allowance to the said farmers. 2 *pages.*

[? About June 25.] 45. Memorial of Aubrey Earl of Oxford to the Lords of the Treasury, praying a lease for 21 years of the Penny Post Office at the rent of 100*l.* *per ann.*, besides paying the Controller 500*l.* *per ann.* Signed.

Minuted:—"Read 25 June 1700. It cannot be granted." 1 *page.*

June 26. 46. Memorial of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their petition of 9 May, in relation to the ship "Neptune" (see Vol. LXVIII., 51), which petition was reported on by their Lordships on the 24th of that month. They were under the necessity of offering several matters upon the report, as they conceived that not only their trade, but the King's interest and that of the kingdom were much concerned; they had hoped that they had made it appear, that after the King's duties were secured, he had no further interest, that the officers of Customs were officers for his revenue only, and that there was no necessity for a seizure, because the new Company could as well commence a suit upon the late Act without a seizure; but they found from their Lordships' report that they saw no reason for laying a restraint on the Comrs and officers of Customs as was desired; laying before their Lordships five considerations to induce them to interpose with their wisdom and authority with the Comrs of Customs to restrain their officers from intermeddling with and engaging the King's authority in seizures of that nature; adding, that if they go on in their present course, the Governor and Company hoped it would not be thought want of duty to His Majesty, nor want of respect to their Lordships, if they endeavoured to remedy themselves by law against such proceedings of the officers. Dated 26 June 1700.

The first consideration commences:—

"That tis the generall interest of the nation that trade should be free, and with no more restraint upon it than what the law does necessarily and visibly intend to make, and that all traders in the

same commodity should have the same favour and protection and be upon an equall foot," &c.

It is signed "Ro. Blackborne, secry."

Minuted:—"Read 26th June 1700." 3 *pages*.

June 27 and 28. 47. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, craving leave to attend their Lordships with a proposal of certain wine merchants who sought to be admitted to composition for such wines as were under prosecution, on the same terms as those to which their Lordships had agreed on the 21st inst. Dated 27 June 1700.

Also the "proposal." Dated 28 June 1700. 2 *pages*.

June 29 and 30. 48. A memorial of Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining of the interruption given by Sir Robert Smith and Mr. Dickens to all manner of business, and that it was impossible to carry on the public service in the New Forest if some discouragement were not given to those two gentlemen, more particularly complaining of their obstruction to the selling of trees of the value of 242*l.* 6*s.* for repair of the lodges and bridges in the forest; submitting to their Lordships whether those two gentlemen were fit to be continued in the commission of the peace, and whether the King might not fitly show a dislike of such proceedings, especially as one had little or no estate or interest in the county, and the other only about 400*l. per ann.*, "during the life of his lady." Dated 29 June 1700.

Accompanied by a letter to Philip Ryley, Esq., dated 30 June 1700, from Mr. Geo. Furzer, who appears to have been the deputy of Ryley, giving details of the carrying out his duties in the New Forest, and amongst the rest the interference complained of.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye King. 2 July 1700. Read to ye K."

It is also mentioned in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 92, 2 July, as having been read before their Lordships. 3 *pages*.

[About June 30.] 49. Memorial of Capt. "Dalaval" to the King, showing that he had been employed 516 days in going to Barbary and negotiating for the redemption of the King's subjects in slavery in the dominions of the Emperor of Morocco, that he had a secretary and 16 servants, &c., that he was struck out of his sea pay and lost the advantages of a voyage to the Mediterranean and returning from Cadiz with plate, and was obliged to live at some extraordinary expense to procure such things as were to be exchanged for the slaves till they could be got ready: praying allowance for the same.

Minuted:—"Referred to ye Lords of ye Treary by Mr Secretary Vernon. Read to ye K. 2 Jul. 1700. My Lords to consider what is reasonable. Afterwards ordered 40s a day during the time he was on shoar & till his return."

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 30 June 1700.

Also,—

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by Capt. Geo. Delavall, during the time of his negotiation with the Emperor of Morocco for the redemption of His Maties subjects, commencing from the 23° November 1698 untill his return from Barbary for London, being the 21° of Aprill 1700."

These charges include expensive presents to the Emperor, the Queen, &c., for which 7,811 pieces of eight were expended, in addition he claimed 2,830*l.* 6*s.*, part of which was for bringing certain Moors to England and showing them our fortifications, &c., and the remainder for his 516 days service at 5*l.* a day. 2½ *pages.*

[June.] 50. "Necessaries de termino Sancti Hillarii, anno regni xij Gulielmi tertii, anº domini 1700."

Also for the following Easter and Trinity terms.

They consisted of stationery stores principally for the Court of Exchequer. 2½ *long pages.*

[? About June.] 51. Letter of Henry, Bishop of London, to Mr. Lowndes, secretary to the Treasury, stating that His Majesty had commanded him to lay before the Lords of the Treasury his pleasure concerning an estate in Lancashire called Eccleshale, given to superstitious uses, which the King intended to settle (at least part of it) for the maintenance of the poor Greek youths at Oxford. Entreating him to lay the matter before the Board, and that he would despatch the King's gift to the minister and schoolmaster at Philadelphia, that the person going there, who would call on him on the morrow, might carry the grant, as well as the good news. Dated "Thursday."

Minuted thus:—"Mr Attor. & Mr Survr to examine & certifie whether there be a probable title for ye King."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 61, 28 May 1700, is:—"The Greek boys in Gloucester Hall. The King orders nothing at present, but if they can find out any lands given to superstitious uses, His Maty will consider of it."

And again at p. 85, 25 June 1700:—

"Memll of ye Bp of London for His Mats bounty to ye Greek youths at Oxford for their support, read. The King will give them 100li for once, but no more afterwards." 1 *page.*

July 1. 52. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Doctor John Blow* and other executors of Roger Hewet, cashier in the Pay Office, deceased, praying to be forgiven a debt of 1,438*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in foreign coin owing to the King. The Earl reports that in the year 1688 the said Hewet went down into the West with a considerable sum to pay the army, and rendered an account thereof, except the above sum, which was in foreign coin; there was reason to believe he was a great sufferer by the badness and smallness of the silver coin, and the rise and fall of guineas. He fell into a distracted condition, and was placed in a madhouse. In favour of granting the petition. Dated 1 July 1700.

* He was the composer and organist of St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey.

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Minuted:—"Hampton Court, 19th Novr 1700. The 1,438li is to be discharged in the accot where that money is charged, & not out of the King's money." 2 *pages.*

[About July 2.] 53. Petition of Andrew Lloyd to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was Usher of the Black Rod in Ireland since 1697, but had received no salary; that the Lords Justices had transmitted the address of the House of Lords and the petitioner's prayer for their favour; that whilst attending the Duke of Bolton into England he was taken up and imprisoned on the Earl of Jersey's warrant, on account of the cause depending "between the Bp of Londonderry & the Society of London:" praying to have the same laid before the King "for the gratifyeing your petr for his services & sufferings."

Minuted—"Read 2 July 1700. My Lords to see what can be done in this." 1 *page.*

July 2. 54. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several officers, &c. of Col. Foxe's regiment in the Leeward Islands, praying payment for subsistence to the time of breaking the regiment; the sum amounted to 418*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to clear the subsistence of the regiment, which might be directed to be stopped here and paid to the agent, &c. Dated 2 July 1700.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"My Lords agree wth this report, the officers allowing the 12*d.* in every 6*l.*, because they receive their mo. here." 2 *pages.*

July 4. 55. Representation by the Postmasters-General (R. Cotton and Tho. Frankland) to the Lords of the Treasury, that the number of letters and the business had greatly increased and the former establishment was insufficient; they had allowed inferior officers to assist, but that was of ill consequence, and they had employed two new officers as sorters in the inland office, they prayed they might be settled as additional sorters. [*Minuted:*—"Agreed."] Miscarriages happened by the employment of indigent people employed by the receivers, because they would do it cheapest, and they had appointed three persons to bring the letters from each receiving house twice every grand post night, and the "by nights" once, at a charge of 31*l. per ann.* [*Minuted:*—"Agreed."] They had to add 20*l. per ann.* to the "mail maker's" contract, which had been 80*l. per ann.* [*Minuted:*—"Approved."] The sorters and other officers, by the increase of their duties, were incapable of doing anything beyond, for the support of their families, and the said Postmasters recommended an addition to their pay (which was but 40*l. per ann.*), as contained in a schedule. [*Minuted:*—"Approved."] Dated 4 July 1700.

The schedule not now with it. 2 *pages.*

July 5. 56. Representation by the same to the same, that they had reported to their Lordships that they hoped to have found persons to undertake the cross post between Bristol and Shrewsbury, so that

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the King might not be a loser, but the persons most likely would not undertake it, except upon terms disadvantageous to the revenue; but as it would undoubtedly be of great use to trade and commerce, they prayed further directions, and annexed a schedule of the charge and loss. London having been considered the centre, all letters passing through London from one route to another were taxed with a double post, first to London and then to the place were directed. But on settling this post between West Bristol and Chester roads, all letters could only be charged with a single post. The passing through London was both tedious and chargeable, and a more speedy conveyance would in all probability produce an increase in the number of letters, besides bringing such into the office as were conveyed by carriers. They found it the practice to convey letters between towns that had commerce, particularly between Bristol and Worcester, and Worcester and Shrewsbury, where there were two persons who made it their business to collect and disperse letters. They found the cross post, set up 3½ years since between Exeter and Bristol, produced about 355*l.* *per ann.* "neat profit." If set up, it should be managed for His Majesty, and carried as far as Chester. Dated 5 July 1700.

Accompanied by the paper referred to. 5 *pages.*

July 6. 57. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, praying the Lords of the Treasury to grant their warrant for discharging from payment of the tax of 2*s.* in the pound all the officers having less than 100*l.* a year. Dated 6 July 1700.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 1 *page.*

July 8. 58. Letter of H., Bp. of London, to the Lords of the Treasury, applying for the usual bounty of 20*l.* to Mr. Richardson, going as chaplain to Virginia.

Dated July 8. This was paid 12 July 1700. See *Money Book,* Vol. XV., p. 120. *Part of a page.*

July 9. 59. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Barry, stating that they had on 2 Nov. 1698 reported in favour of his scheme for preventing frauds above bridge in the river, and recommended an allowance of 100*l.* or 120*l.* *per ann.* to him, as a probationer for 12 months. But shortly after he was despatched by the Lustring Company, at their charge, to the Western and Northern ports, upon information of goods being run; from which expedition he had returned in July last. They saw no cause for the continuance of the charge. Dated 9 July 1700.

Minuted:—"Read again 17 July 1700. The Com^rs^ say he was imployed but one year, & is paid for the same. The petition is dismist."

Accompanied by the petition and a schedule of receipts by him. 5 *pages.*

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[? About July 9.] 60. Petition of Col. John Meautys, to the King, showing that he was formerly in the service of the Prince of Orange, the King's grandfather, at the taking of Venelo, Ruermount, and Marstrict from the Spaniards, and also in the service of King Charles I.; in the beginning of the then war, his regiment was totally cut off; he was with King Charles II. in Scotland, and attended him to Worcester Fight, "for which he was an excepted person, as to life." He received a pension of 2*s.* a day, which was in arrear. Praying a present supply.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. 50$^{\text{£}}$ bounty, paid 9$^{\text{th}}$ July 1700." 1 *page.*

July 9. 61. Report of the Com$^{\text{rs}}$ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a proposal of Walter Devereux, for preventing the transportation of wool upon the coasts of Kent and Sussex; stating that they had had the opinion of Captain Baker, Captain Nash, and Mr. Breton, the collector of Dover, who all agreed that the guard at sea by such small vessels as should be hauled on shore as there should be occasion, was impracticable, &c. They could not understand there would be a saving to the nation, for 10,000*l.* *per ann.* was proposed for the management, when the whole charge of the present establishment was 6,500*l.* They also enclose the answers of the persons above named to the proposal. Dated 9 July 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 9 July 1700. My Lords concurr with the Com$^{\text{rs}}$ in opinion."

Also the papers referred to, viz.:—

(1.) The proposals of the said Mr. Walter Devereux for guarding the coasts of Kent and Sussex by sea and land from the North Foreland to the Isle of Wight, to prevent the exportation of wool and the importation of uncustomed commodities, and all other unlawful commerce between those counties and France; viz., for 10,000*l.* *per ann.* to build 18 vessels, each to carry eight men, two guns, and a chest of fire-arms, and find 144 men to man the vessels; to defray the charge of 24 riding officers and one supervisor, &c.; together with reasons for each paragraph of the proposal, and the particulars of the charge to answer the 10,000*l.*

(2.) Observations by Captain Baker on Captain Devereux's proposal for the preventing smuggling on the Kent and Sussex coasts. He considers it a bold offer, involving a trust of 10,000*l.* *per ann.* and building a small fleet of men-of-war. He offers various strictures on Captain Devereux's knowledge of the coast, the distance of placing the vessels, and their size, which he says is either "too small or too bigg for any service." He finishes by saying, "the whole designe is ridiculous and impertinent, and there is nothing in it (but the reference from the House of Commons, to be taken notice of), but the proposer's modesty for his purpose intended." Dated 31 May 1700.

(3.) A letter from Mr. Breton, dated 15 June 1700.

(4.) Observations by Henry Nash. 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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[About July 10.] 62. Petition of Christopher Smyth, one of the King's servants, and nephew to Simon Smyth, Esq., late knight harbinger to the King, showing that 509*l.* were due on his death for riding charges in Holland, 524*l.* for riding charges to Kensington, and 322*l.* for lodging money out of court; praying payment of the first sum.

Minuted:—"10 July 1700. The King doth not allow riding charges to Kensington, nor lodging mony out of court." 1 *page.*

[About July 10.] 63. Petition of William Middleton to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had spent several sums for prosecution of persons who had defrauded the King of Customs to the value of 12,000*l.*; praying to be paid 50*l.* for reasons in a paper annexed.

Also the paper referred to.

There are two minutes on the *dorse,* the first on 10 July 1700, and the second is:—"Read 17th July 1700. Comrs of Customes present. Rejected." 2 *pages.*

July 11. 64. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain John Writtle, commander of the Custom-house sloop, in and about the port of Poole, for the means of paying his debts incurred in the King's service; in a second petition he stated his employment brought him but 40*l.* a year; he besought the King to grant him the moiety of a seizure of French dowlas, &c., appraised at 164l. 9*s.* 2*d.*; they state that he had received encouragement so far as his present service was concerned; if the King saw fit to reward him for former services, they did not object. Dated 11 July 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 17 July 1700. The petition is dismissed."

Also the petition and a letter. 3½ *pages.*

[About July 12.] 65. "A particular of the business of the Assistant Secretary and Clarke of the Securities, to the Commissioners of Excise: humbly offered to the Lords of the Treasury;" showing his duties.

Signed:—"Theophy. Blechynden."

Undated, but see *Reference Book,* Vol. VI., p. 391. 2½ *pages.*

July 12. 66. Appraisements of wine from St. Sebastian, &c., seized at various ports, between 2 Feb. 1699 and 12 July 1700. 22 *pages.*

July 15. 67. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the establishment and necessary annual charge of sea service, with its debt and tallies; they hoped to satisfy their Lordships that 5*s.* (their part of the 4*l.*) was so far from being too much that it was not sufficient to carry on the service. They found the officers of the navy very solicitous to possess their Lordships with notions to their disadvantage; they thought, with modesty, they understood their own business as well as they. 'Twas a little hard on them to desire their money when their (the Navy) office was under such circumstances as to build ships out of the wear and tear, which must create an expense of gunning them out of theirs (the Ordnance); their Lordships could not wonder at their

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being more in debt than at the conclusion of the peace, they having so reduced what the Parliament had assigned them the last two years. The establishment of their office was then double what it was in King Charles's reign, and at that time there were but two third-rates supposed to be at sea, and those not above 70 guns; whereas then they had actually nine, and most of them of 80, which is so vast an increase of the fleet that even the common ordinary expense of sea stores and half the establishment really amounted to more than what they so justly claimed. The stores were very low; 200 or 300 tons of saltpetre ought yearly to be provided, for 600 was but a poor provision when they considered there was no other way of making good the expense of powder. The navy would be eased of a very considerable trouble in the gunning and ungunning the ships at Portsmouth. To do this the King desired a wharf and storehouse built; the design would cost above 15,000*l.*, and a storehouse at Plymouth 4,000*l.*, which services could not be done in time of war; but if their Lordships took from them what the Parliament gave, they should have neither money nor credit. The least ever given to the office was 63,739*l.*, and when the ordinary of 60,000*l. per ann.* was settled, every extraordinary service was provided for. They hoped their Lordships would agree that 22,750*l.* for sea service was under what was really necessary. They made no mention of the land service, 25,000*l.* being appropriated by Parliament, and they feared it was to no purpose to complain. Dated 15 July 1700.

It appears from the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 103, that on 17 July 25,000*l.* was allotted for the land service, and 11,375*l.* for the sea service. 2 *pages.*

July 15. 68. Office of Ordnance, 15 July 1700. } Debt of the Office of Ordnance for stores delivered and services performed to the last day of June 1700. 1 *page.*

July 15. 69. Letter signed "Ste. Hervey," addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., in favour of Mr. Middleton, who had married a near relation of the writer, and who would be ruined (having his estate mortgaged) if he did not find friends to assist him; he had done the Government good service, but it was in finding out faults, whereby he had made great enemies: seeking that he should be "placed in any little post for a subsistence." Dated 15 July 1700.

Minuted:—"16 July 1700. Speak wth the Com^{rs} of Customes to morr."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 164, 9 Dec. 1700, is:—"40[£] to be pd. to M^{r} Middleton as bounty out of sec. service m^{o}." 1 *page.*

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[About July 16.] 1. Petition of Martha Donelan, widow, mother and administratrix of Ensign Matthew Roydon, deceased, praying an order that the respites might be removed from her son's pay.

Another petition on the same subject, and a report thereon by the Lord Ranelagh, dated 20 June 1700, from which it appears that the said ensign was killed at Torbay on 23 July 1693.

Also a certificate to that effect, signed by Lieut.-Col. Montargyer.

Minuted:—"16 July 1700. My L^{ds} can give no relief in this matter." 4 *pages.*

[About July 16.] 2. Petition of Nathaniel Booth, Esq., surveyor of the Greenwax, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of the arrears of his salary since 1696, the Pipe Office not being able to pay them as formerly, by reason of the great sums paid by sheriffs for apprehending highwaymen, clippers, coiners, and burglars.

Minuted:—"16 July 1700. A warr^{t} for two years."

Certificate of the Clerk of the Pipe of the amount due. 2 *pages.*

[About July 16.] 3. Petition of Francis Barry, of Kensington, Middlesex, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of his salary and travelling charges, as referred to in the report of the Com^{rs} of Customs on 9 July 1700. Undated.

Minuted:—"16 July 1700. My Lords will speak wth y^{e} Com^{rs} Customes ab^{t} this to-morrow." 1 *page.*

[July 18.] 4. Petition of Catherin O'Hara to the Earl of "Tankerfield" and the rest of the Lords of the Treasury, stating that what was granted to her and her sister only paid her debts. Her sister was provided for by the Duke of Bolton's daughter, and she herself was sent for by a relation in Ireland, and if she missed that opportunity she must infallibly starve; begging for ever so little, though but 5*l.*, to bear her charges. Undated.

Minuted:—"18 July 1700. Give her 10^{li}, but my Lords will hear no more from her. Pd."

[She and her sister had previously had 50*l.* apiece granted to them to carry them into Ireland. See *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 284, 28 Feb. 1699–1700.] 1 *page.*

July 18. 5 Report signed "Jo. Taylour," to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to their Lordships' directions to lay before them a state of the further demands of Admiral Aylmer, for credits given to Captain De la Val for the charges of his negotiation for the redemption of captives, and for moneys expended by the Admiral in receiving the balance of his last account: finding that 663*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* were due to him. Analyzing also the state of the Admiral's account made in the previous January, which he annexed. Dated 18 July 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 18 July 1700. Agreed."

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The paper referred to is *docquetted* :—" State of Admiral Aylmer's acco[t] of mo[ney] paid to M[r] Marshall, on account of his journey to Barbary, and for buying horses for the King, and also to Capt. De la Val & others on acco[t] of redemption of captives" [at Algiers and under the dominion of the Emperor of Morocco]. It consists of a report signed "Jo. Taylour," dated 28 Jan. '99. *Minuted:* — "23 Feb. '99. The remainder is to be p[d] out of ye Civil List mo[ney]. A s[ign] m[anual]."

There is also a second enclosure. 2 *large pages and* 1 *smaller.*

July 19. 6. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury, under their signatures, to Charles Montague, Esq., auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, requiring him to draw an order to pay Matthew Aylmer, Esq., 663*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* for what remained due to Captain Delavall, for his carrying on a treaty with the Emperor of Morocco, relating to the redemption of English captives and other expenses. Dated 19 July 1700. 1 *page.*

July 19. 7. Letter of the Com[rs] for the Debts due to the Army, Navy, and Transport Service, addressed to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., enclosing a draft of the debentures intended to be issued, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, for them to add such method as would prevent their being counterfeited. Dated 19 July 1700. 2 *pages.*

July 23. 8. The reply of Walter Devereux to the answer made by Mr. Henry Baker, to six articles of complaint exhibited to the Lords of the Treasury, against him (Mr. Baker) by the said Devereux, together with the proofs of the said charge.

He says, "the iniquities of Mr. Baker are more than can be imagined, whose multiplied and various artifices and frauds cannot be described in a few words, and if his faults had been fewer, this paper had been shorter." Again, "What Mr. Baker pronounces to be false, is generally true," and "what he affirms to be true is generally false."

Towards the conclusion he requests their Lordships to require Mr. Baker, before he stirs out of their presence, to give such present answers as he could, to the particulars charged, that they might see where his defence lay, lest by giving him time to consider he should take an opportunity of frightening or arresting his (Mr. Devereux's) witnesses, or dealing with his own, and of inventing and obtruding upon their Lordships false stories and disguises, at which he was most excellent; as had already appeared, by the many falsehoods he had exposed in this answer. Dated 23 July 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., pp. 107–109, 23 July 1700, is a full account of the hearing of this case of Devereux against Baker, finishing :—

"My Lords are of opinion that Mr. Devereux hath not made out any one of the articles in his charge ag[t] M[r] Baker as to any material point."

The charges made against Mr. Baker arose in the prosecution of persons engaged in "owling" on the South coast. (See also Vol. LXIX., Nos. 35 and 38.) 11 *pages.*

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July 23. 9. Report of the Officers of the Mint (not signed) to the Lords of the Treasury, upon complaints of corrupt practices of Thos. Molyneux, Esq., Comptroller of the Mint, and his friends; laying before their Lordships the depositions and examinations they had taken thereon.

The corrupt practices consisted of taking sums of money for passing accounts, of obtaining a gold watch of 37*l.* value, to be presented to Mrs. Molyneux, and of raising the estimate for building the press-house, &c., to lower the estimate for repairing the controller's, lest the latter should not be allowed.

Docquetted:—"Mr. Molyneux's charge given in by y^e^ officers of y^e^ Mint, July 23^d^, 1700."

Accompanied by papers numbered 1 to 17 (there being two for No. 4).

The 1st is a letter signed Cha. Mason, who was one of the controllers of the Mint to the Warden, Master, and Worker of the Mint, inculpating the said controller or his deputy or clerk.

The others are the depositions and examinations referred to.

Also there is another examination of one Hannah Moyne.

In addition there is Mr. Molyneux's answer, denying the charges against him, and promising to answer them at large if he might have longer time.

Minuted:—"Read 23 July 1700."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., are long entries on the 8th, 9th, and 16th of October, as to this case; nothing definite appears to have been arrived at, but on 12 Nov. (p. 148), is:—

"The matter of the accusation prosecuted by M^r^ Mason against M^r^ Molineux is received and opened by my Lords, and notice is taken of the accusations by M^r^ Molineux against M^r^ Mason. The King will take a little time to consider this." 35 *pages or parts of pages.*

July 23. 10. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Theophylact Blechynden, their clerk of the securities and assistant secretary, recommending that he should receive 100*l.* in consequence of additional duties. Dated 23 July 1700.

Also his petition.

Minuted:—"The 100^li^ is ordered." 2 *pages.*

July 23. 11. Copy of a minute of 23 July 1700, of the Com^rs^ of Customs, in consequence of their directions given to Capt. Phelips to call on the merchants to clear their bonds, having proved ineffectual, viz., that the solicitor give notice to the merchants that he must put them in suit if they were not cleared forthwith, &c., and Mr. Wolstenholm was directed to take care on the arrival of the Virginia fleet, that no new credit should be given or discounts allowed to merchants who neglected to clear their bonds.

Most likely an enclosure. It is numbered 2. 1 *page.*

July 23. 12. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to frauds committed in the port of London, by obtaining the

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1700. drawbacks on exportation of fish, by bringing fish privately back from the ships and relading the ships with the same fish, &c.; recommending Thomas Walker and Henry Canby, the searchers who had detected the same, to be rewarded. [*Minuted:*—"50li between them."]

They further observe that they suspected that the searchers of the several ports were not so diligent and careful, in verifying the quantities of fish and salt exported, as might be expected, and that an officer appointed by them should certify the quantity exported.

Minuted:—"Order'd, so as no illegal restraint be putt on trade, and lett ye Comrs of Excise prepare the draught of an order & agree it wth the Comrs of Customes." Dated 23 July 1700. 1½ *pages.*

July 24. 13. Letter signed Wm. Middleton, to the Lords of the Treasury, telling them he must vindicate himself by writing, since it was not their pleasure to hear him. Mr. Godolphin told him before the second duty commenced, that the Comrs were imposed on by agreeing to give the head meters 1*d. per* chaldron, on the 1*s.* duty, but that his advice should be taken for the 2nd duty; 13*s.* 4*d.* was paid every time they wrote their name—his appearing against it had reduced it to 6*s.* 8*d.*, which was more than judges and masters in Chancery had for giving oaths; the receiver for the 5*s.* had but 200*l.* a year, and "so he had for the 18d;" "the office for the certificate for 30 years" was not above 40*l. per ann.* till he made it up 50*l.*; it was then reduced to 30*l.* When he was Comr of the 3*s.* aid he offended all his rich relations and friends, by making them pay for 200,000*l.*, &c. Twenty-five years before, the most valuable gentlemen of the county thought him worthy to sit on the bench, and he was not to be despised for his poverty, produced by just debts from the Crown, and for refusing 800*l.* to conceal frauds. In the late reigns in consideration of his father's imprisonment for four years, and the loss of 1,000*l. per ann.*, his mother was supported on their Majesty's bounty, and money was given for her burial, at which time he made "a discovery," and had a satisfactory gratification. All the members of Parliament he had conversed with, were of opinion, that there should be the same frugality in the state as the church, but there were 15 rich men against him and the reputation of the Comrs of Customs besides, therefore a considerable sum must be lost. After this manner the fraud of the corn was managed, the reputation of the magistrates for sending false certificates, and the officers who filed them, were preferred before the King's interest, and 150 guineas were spent when he refused 300*l.*, as the Lords of the Treasury treated him like a gentleman, but the Comrs of Customs and Waterson, treated him like a footman. He represented that Sir Wm. Ashur[s]t and three of his successors, when Lord Mayors, defrauded the King of the tax 800*l. per ann.* Sir John Fleet was taxed as well as they, and paid: when his (the petitioner's) worthy friend Sir Francis Child was mayor, it was told his Lordship that he (the petitioner) was a troublesome man. When Clerk was mayor he denied him

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justice. He reported a manifest fraud relating to births, burials, &c., but the Lords never heard him. He put his name to the letter, but the Lords were not at the trouble to put an advertisement in the Gazette. He treated their Lordships better, and would put that duty into a better method; Sir Stephen Fox and others seemed to approve of what he said: he prayed that the petition might be granted, that he might not be imprisoned and his family starved. Dated 24 July 1700.

It was read on 25 Oct. 1700, and there is a second minute:—"Read 13 Nov. 1700. The Com^rs think he may gett what he can of merrit. My Lords can give the pet^r no more." 2 *pages.*

[About July 24.] 14. An application to the Lords of the Treasury, of Wm. Atwood, Esq., appointed the King's Chief Justice for New York, and of Sampson Shelton Broughton, Esq., appointed Attorney-General there; reminding their Lordships of the letter formerly sent from the Com^rs of Trade for the settling their salaries.

Minuted:—"24 July 1700. The King's respit was upon the salary, and the same cannot be settled till the King's pleasure be further known."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 143, 30 Oct. 1700, is:—"The King will allow M^r Atwood only 300^li a year and to M^r Broughton 150^li a year." 1 *page.*

July 24. 15. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Quarry, for the renewal of an order for payment of 50*l.* to a minister and 30*l.* *per ann.* to a schoolmaster in Pennsylvania, and directing them to consider what public revenue there was in Pennsylvania out of which the pension might be paid; there might be enough to pay it out of the quit rents, but they were under the control of the auditor of plantations; the 1*d.* a pound on tobacco shipped was appropriated for the current service of the year, &c. They would make a further report of the duty of 1*d.* *per* pound in Virginia and Maryland. Dated 24 July 1700.

Also five other documents relating thereto.

There are three minutes on the dorse, the last of which is:—

"5^th Aug. 1701. Prepare a warr^t for paying these allowances out of y^e plantation dutys except appropriated arrears. Write to M^r Bl[athwayt] stating y^e matter." 10 *pages.*

July 29. 16. Letter of the Officers for Victualling to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., sending a list of all the papers formerly laid before the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the prosecution of Nicholas Green, merchant in Ireland, for fraudulently sending into France a ship laden with provisions on the King's account. Dated 29 July 1700.

Also the said list or "abstract of papers," an Order in Council to prosecute, an order of the Lords Justices to the Attorney and Solicitor-General in Ireland to effectually prosecute, and a report on the case by the above victualling officers.

Minuted:—"W^t signed." 4 *pages.*

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1700. [After July.] 17. Petition of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, setting out that the King was much defrauded in his duties on salt, by sums drawn back upon pretence of exportation of salt to Ireland, great part of which was not carried there, but run upon the coast of England and Wales; proposing that a law should be obtained on the subject embodying various remedies therein mentioned. It contains several particulars about the curing of fish. Undated, but after July 1700, see another report of the Com^rs, dated 23 July 1700, No. 12.

Also a draft of an Act of Parliament, with blanks to be filled up, on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 18. Letter of Sir Basill Dixwell to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them in his own vindication, that it was no fault or neglect of his that his Excise accounts had not been more quickly despatched, having long before applied for such accounts as were in arrear, but the cash accounts were all delivered together, into his office about a year before, and their hands had been so full in despatching the six years' general accounts and one cash account then called for, that they could not make such progress with them as they wished; now, however, they were upon them and would rid their hands of them as fast as they could, and they hoped to complete them in about a year. Dated 20 Aug. 1700.

Minuted:—"Mention the former direction. That my Lords are not satisfied w^th this answer. That the gen^ll acco^t for 1695 be finishd by the 15^th of November next, & đd to M^r Chancellor, otherwise my Lords wilbe obliged to represent to ye K. the disservice to His Ma^ty and ye publique, by negligence in passing the acc^ts in his office." 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 28. 19. Letter from Mr. Burchett to William Lowndes, Esq., inquiring whether the Lords of the Treasury intended to have Capt. Crosse prosecuted for embezzling goods out of a prize ship, called the "St. Peter," or whether the whole matter terminated with the trial in the Court of Exchequer, of Captain Caldwell, who was jointly charged with him. Dated 28 Aug. 1700.

There is a full report of the examinations of the witnesses in the case referred to in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII. p. 246, 23 Sept. 1698. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 29.] 20. A paper *docquetted:*—"Draught of an order relateing to the searchers certifieing the exportation of fish and salt."

In consequence of frauds intended to be practised in shipping out fish in order to obtain a drawback by debenture.

This was a copy transmitted from the Com^rs of Customs to the Com^rs of Excise, 29 Aug. 1700. 1½ *pages.*

[About Aug.] 21. Memorial of the Lord Lexington to the King, showing that the King had given orders about three months before for discharging him in relation to the plate ordered for him from the jewel-house at the time of his embassy to "Rieswyck;" praying that the warrant might be despatched. Undated, but about Aug.

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1700. See *Letter Book*, 21 May 1700, Vol. X., pp. 229 and 230. ½ *page* (*quarto*).

[Aug.] 22. A paper *docquetted* thus :—"Mem^dums of M^r Herbert's acc^t of prizes."

The memoranda relate to cravings made by the said Mr. Herbert, and his account appears to have come down to August 1700. 1 *page*.

Sept. 2. 23. Report of Sir Charles Hedges to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a fit allowance to Mr. Larkin for going to the several plantations in America, to settle the forms of proceedings, and to do what else was necessary in holding Admiralty courts for trial of pirates; recommending an allowance of 200*l.* for fitting out, in addition to whatever charges he was at for passage, a further 200*l.* for his stay in the plantations, and 500*l.* a year as long as the service lasted. Dated 2 Sept. 1700.

Accompanied by an Order in Council for the above report to be made.

The last minute on the back is :—"Prepare a warr^t for y^e whole 800*l.* My Lords will pay 200^li in part of it p̄sently after Xmas, the rest at convenient times." 3 *pages*.

Sept. 12. 24. Presentment by the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to passing the accounts: the growing business in the Auditor's department could scarcely be carried on; the deputy comptroller of Excise had lately applied for assistance; when Mr. Ashmole was comptroller he kept nine clerks, and although the present comptroller was allowed salaries for three additional clerks for the duties on salt, malt, and leather, yet he kept no more clerks for all the duties than Mr. Ashmole for the Excise only; upon a representation of these facts to Sir Scroop How, the comptroller, he replied that the number of clerks was wholly "in his breast," so that the business was done; that their Lordships' allowance was given amongst the clerks, who did the business out of office hours, and it was but reasonable they should be paid rather than strangers should have it, and he hoped that an allowance would be made for two more till the business was done. They had examined the deputy comptroller as to what induced him to allow credit for sums for which there were not sufficient vouchers, upon which he insisted that he was only a comptroller upon the receipt of the revenue and not upon the issues; they conceived differently, and it might be of very ill consequence to have any other opinion entertained; they sought their Lordships' interposition, as there was no prospect of getting forward the great arrears of accounts. Dated 12 Sept. 1700.

Minuted :—"To Sir S. How. Take notice that he has not the number of clerks for w^ch the K. gives his allowance, and his clerks have not the allowances for their incouragement w^ch were made by M^r Ashmole. That by this means the publique service suffers, and my Lords shalbe obliged to represent, &c." 2 *pages*.

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1700. [About Sept. 13.] 25. Memorial of "the English Company tradeing to the East Indies," to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be admitted to pass sights (or general entries till their goods were inspected), and to give security as was practised by the Governor and Company of merchants of London, trading to the East Indies (a perfect entry not being practicable), and that such allowances, discounts, and advantages might be made them as were made to that company.

Signed: "John Gardner, Secry."

Enclosing copies of clauses in the old and new companies' charter.

Minuted:—"Wt signed 13th Sepr 1700." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 26. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the principal traders, &c., of the port of Penryn, setting forth that there had been a very ancient custom-house there, and that the officers always took entries of ships lying within the harbour of Falmouth till 1676, when a public quay was established at Falmouth, restricted to Truro and Penrin, being the ancient ports of Falmouth harbour, which caused great decay of trade in those towns; praying for relief; stating the means they had used for obtaining information, viz., they had obtained a plan of the harbour and perused a private Act of Parliament, obtained by Sir Peter Killigrew; expressing the opinion that if one custom-house had to be settled in the harbour of Falmouth it should be at the town of Falmouth; but they would not abridge the privilege enjoyed by Penrin and Truro of having several (*i. e.*, separate) custom-houses. If their Lordships thought a new commission should issue for the better regulation of the limits of those ports they would not object, and then the harbour of Helford would be entitled to further accommodation. Dated 13 Sept. 1700.

Also the petition, and four other documents in relation thereto.

The third *Minute* is:—"26 Feb. 1702. Lett the Comrs of Customes prepare a draft of a comon." 11 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 27. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of the bailiffs, portmen, freemen, &c., of Ipswich, Suffolk, praying that the town might be put into the same state it was formerly, and might enjoy its ancient rights and privileges; stating that they (the Comrs) had examined some gentlemen on behalf of the town of Ipswich, and Sir Thomas Davall on behalf of Harwich, &c., and that great caution was used in 1689 in establishing a custom-house at Harwich, not to prejudice the town of Ipswich; referring also to what was determined on in executing the commission for settling the collection. The increase of charge was only 50*l. per ann.*, by making Harwich a port of collection, whatever inducements there were then (a time of war) to tolerate a trade by the packet boats would not henceforth exist; because in practice they could not conform to the rules of merchant ships. It would be for the service of the revenue if instructions were given to the governors of the post office that packet boats should not trade without the licence

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of this Board in accordance with the Act of Frauds. Dated 3 Sept. 1700.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

[About Sept. 13.] 28. Petition of Bernard Granville to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that in addition to the rent for Mote Park not being paid to him till 22 Aug. 1700, a deduction of 65*l.* was made by Mr. Edwards at the Exchequer for taxes; praying repayment.

Minuted:—"13 Sep^{r} 1700. M^{r} Tailor is to pay this to M^{r} Grenville 65^{li}." *Again,* "Paid to M^{r} Granville." 1 *page.*

Sept. 17. 29. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Yarnold and Robert Watson, together with a representation or address to the King from the inhabitants of the parishes and royal manors of East Greenwich, Deptford, and Sayes Court; finding that the petitioners had obtained leave from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Romney, High Steward of those manors, for carrying on a design of bringing water (to be raised by an engine) from the river Ravensborne to supply those places; they had laid out 600*l.*, and it would cost many thousand pounds more. He thought it reasonable (as it was for a public good) that their Lordships should advise the granting a royal licence for 500 years, at a mark a year, in which grant the petitioners, their executors and assigns, might be empowered to raise water out of the river Ravensborne, and to lay pipes through the streets and wastes of the said manors and parishes (compounding first with the respective proprietors of any "severals" through which the water should be brought), and to erect conduits or receptacles for water in any convenient places there for the readier conveying the same to the use of the inhabitants. There should also be a clause for the supply of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich. Dated 17 Sept. 1700.

Also the petition and representation referred to, the latter having numerous signatures, is *minuted:*—"Granted." 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 19. 30. Representation of the Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them that 18,976*l.* were further due to them on the head of sea service, 3,724*l.* only having been ordered them; in a late memorial they had shown that near 18,000*l.* must be the annual expense of the fleet, that salaries, &c., would amount to almost 20,000*l.* more, and that it was impossible to carry on the service with less than "5*s.* in 4*l.*"; they doubted not that they had so convinced their Lordships that no artifices of any office (though never so well insinuated) would prevail with them so as to take any part of the little designed for them by Parliament; praying for what was due to them. Dated 19 Sept. 1700. 1 *page.*

Sept. 24. 31. Certificate of Henry Shales, Auditor [?of Imprests], to the Lords of the Treasury, in pursuance of instructions from William Lowndes, Esq., as to what accounts lay before him undespatched, how long they had been brought in, and how far each accountant was in arrear. With a note to each item, in Lowndes' handwriting, as to what should be done. Dated 24 Sept. 1700. 2½ *pages.*

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Sept. 24. 32. Warrant under the signatures of the Lords Justices for payment to Thomas Merret of 353*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for moneys expended for coals, &c., for the use of the horse guards at Kensington. Dated 24 Sept. 1700.

Accompanied by two accounts of the expenses.

A similar warrant in favour of widow Buckle, whose husband had supplied coals, &c., for the guards, for 129*l.* 15*s.* Dated the same day. 6 *pages.*

Sept. 25. 33*a.* Report of Sir Chr. Wren and three others [? from the Office of Works], to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them what works were being done at Hampton Court, and by whose directions, viz., the Water Gallery was taken down and the materials preserved, as the King directed Lord Ranelagh; the little tower in the Glass Case Garden, which the King signified to Lord Ranelagh should be augmented, was then being covered in for the most part from materials from the Water Gallery; the foundations of the New Terrace were in prosecution of a design for a building sent to Loo, and approved by the King, but were not intended to be carried higher than the level of the terrace that year. Other works were by the Lord Chamberlain's warrant. Dated 25 Sept. 1700.

Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 25.] 33*b.* Petition of Thomas Bower, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that at Midsummer last, 1700, there was due to him for a perpetuity 5*l.* *per ann.*, as heir of Sir Robert Long, at the receipt of the Exchequer, 95*l.*: praying for a warrant for payment.

Also certificate corroborating the same, signed Montague. Dated 25 Sept. 1700.

Minuted:—"4 July 1701. Respited." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

[About Sept. 26.] 34. Petition of Allin Garrard to the Lords Justices, stating that he had a long time petitioned the Com^rs^ of Excise, and could have no relief, and had petitioned the Lords of the Treasury, as one of the "security" of George Murray, late one of the collectors of the duty of Excise; upon which their Lordships had reported on 15 May then last past; he now denied his guilt as to facts imputed to him in that report. [See the Report of 15 May, Vol. LXVIII., No. 56.]

Amongst other things in his defence, he says that it was apparent he did not further Murray's escape, for they had confined him before Murray took shipping at Gravesend, and that Mr. Phillip Shales, brother-in-law to Mr. Lownds, was so zealous for Murray's escape, that he, with several other friends, went down to Gravesend to see him safely shipped.* His debt was said to be 3,454*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* Murray's account was not then adjusted, and there was no notice taken of his effects extended in Norfolk, amounting to about 400*l.* To show his willingness to capture Murray he had offered a considerable gratuity for the same, and he had made an affidavit by means of which an extent was issued against Goodeve, the other

* In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 129, on 8 Oct. 1700, is:—"M^r^ Phillip Shales is called in. My Lords are satisfied that the suggestion[s] ag^t^ him in Allen Garrard's petition are false."

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security; he prayed to be heard, having been confined in the Poultry Compter, London, nine months.

Minuted:—"Read 26 7br. 1700. To be read when the Com^rs of Excise are here." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 26. 35. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them that they had for various reasons refrained from giving an account of the dispute between them and the Trustees for forfeited estates about the quit and crown rents; but now they enclosed a state of the case, with the opinion and reasons of the King's Counsel upon it. Dated 26 Sept. 1700.

Accompanied by the said "case," and "an account of the quitt rents, crowne rents, &c. in charge on the 13^th day of February 1688, on the forfeited lands given by the Comm^rs of His Maj^ties revenue to the Trustees, &c." $4\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Sept. 28. 36. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, proposing various regulations for the searcher's office to make a better guard for the advantage of the revenue; acquainting their Lordships that the temptation for practising frauds to obtain the drawback which was allowed of foreign goods exported, was so great that it required a stricter care and guard.

There are fifteen proposals, with minutes of their Lordships in the margin. Dated 28 Sept. 1700.

Minuted on the dorse:—"8 Oct. 1700. To be considered at ye next meeting." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 37. "Estimate of debts for the service of sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the 30^th September 1700," amounting to 60,479*l.* 1*s.* $4\frac{3}{4}$*d.* 2 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 38. A certificate of the state of all accounts depending in the office of William Aldworth, Esq., auditor of the land revenue, within the survey of the Exchequer for the several counties of Chester, Lincoln, "& divers others, and of such other acco^ts as were from time to time referred to him by the Right Hono^ble the Lords Com^rs of His Ma^ts Treasury, pursuant to letters patent," &c.

In the margin are the minutes of what was ordered to be done.

At the end is the memorial of Robert Hewitt, who sought to obtain payment of 300*l.* due to him in Mr. Auditor Morice's time, as detailed in the memorial. Dated ult. Sept. 1700. 10 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 39. Report of Mr. Henry Shales, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Lady Essex Griffin, sending a brief abstract of the whole estate, consisting of rents at Bradbrooke, in Northamptonshire, as he took it in the previous July. Dated 4 Oct. 1700.

Accompanied by a particular accompt of the late Lord Griffin's estate in Bradbrooke, in the county of Northampton, between Michaelmas 1697 and Michaelmas 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 8^th Oct. 1700. My Lords will not stop the process, but will lay the whole matter before the K."

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 152, 19 Nov. 1700, is :—"The King will do what is just, but no further on this peticon." 2 *large brief-sized pages.*

Oct. 8. 40. Report of the Com[rs] of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Clayton, as to the debt of the petitioner. Dated 8 Oct. 1700.

Accompanied by an account thereof, submitted to Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, who was of opinion the debt could not be compounded: also the petition and a letter from Mr. Lowndes to the said Com[rs].

Minuted :—"Read 8 Oct. 1700. To be read when M[r] Attor[ney] is here on Thursday." 5 *pages.*

Oct. 8. 41. Presentment of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to some fraudulent practices in the port of Colchester, by secret conveyance of foreign goods out of the lighters as they lay at "The Heath," without payment of Customs. The Com[rs] had sent Mr. Andrews to examine into the manner of the discharge of their duties by the officers there, and as the result, had suspended the collector, surveyor, and landwaiter, and had appointed Mr. Bury, the surveyor at Harwich, and two other officers to take charge of the collection for the present: recommending Richard Marriot as an additional waiter and searcher there. Dated 8 Oct. 1700.

Minuted :—"Agreed, w[th] 40*l.* a year." 1½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 8.] 42. "The full and perfect answer" of Thomas Molyneux, Esq., controller of the Mint, to the several charges contained in the memorial, examinations, and depositions laid before the Lords of the Treasury (see Vol. LXX., No. 9, 23 July 1700), by the warden, master, and worker, and Charles Mason, Esq., one of the comptrollers of the Mint. He states that it is very unfortunate to have his most innocent words and actions misrepresented and wrested, and other persons' miscarriages laid to his charge upon untrue allegations, &c., by the malicious instigation and prosecution of the said Charles Mason, who was as far unqualified for his office as he had been negligent and careless in its execution; for he challenged him to make it appear that he could read or examine any one book in the office, especially the day book, or pot book, or that he ever spent three hours together in the discharge of his duty, since the office was conferred on him, unless it were to receive his salary, or to carry on this groundless and malicious prosecution.

He then goes on to prove the charges against him of receiving money to pass accounts, of obtaining a gold watch for his wife for the same purpose, &c., to be false, and sends for his justification, papers numbered 1 to 27, consisting of copies of depositions, affidavits, letters, examinations, accounts, &c.; there is also another paper, which, though not numbered, appears to belong to them, *docquetted* :—"M[r] Molyneux's abatements upon the artificers' bills." Undated; but the examination into the charges was made before the Lords of the Treasury on 8 Oct. 1700, when this answer

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of Mr. Molyneux was read. A very full account of the inquiry is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., for that date and 9 Oct. This charge and a counter-charge were read to the King on 12 Nov. 1700, who took a little time to consider. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 148.

Nos. 12 and 13 are wanting to make the series complete.

No determination appears from the *Minute Book* to have been come to. Mr. John Ellis, however, was appointed controller of the Mint on 7 May 1701, and perhaps succeeded to one of their places. 45 *pages.*

Oct. 8. 43. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching a fraud at Chepstow, in shipping salt for Ireland in order to obtain a debenture for a larger quantity than was shipped. Dated 8 Oct. 1700. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Oct. 9.] 44. Petition of Roger Cross and John Cross his son, to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that William Martyn, Esq., deputy steward of the Earl of Bath, granted a tenement in the manor of Bradninch, Devon, to two children of John Moor before any fine was paid, upon which the Chancellor granted his warrant to the petitioners, and the steward granted the tenement to the petitioners; praying their Lordships to appoint some other person than Mr. Travers, who was away in Cambridgeshire, or than Mr. Wm. Taylor, against whom they had cause of complaint, to report thereon.

Accompanied by an abstract of the case between Cross and Moor.

It has two minutes on the *dorse*, the first on 9 Oct. 1700. The second minute is:—"15 Nov. 1700. My L^ds^ are very well satisfyd w^th^ ye representation of this case by M^r^ Travers, & are pleased to leave ye matter to be decided in ye C^t^ of Equity, where y^e^ same is now depending." 4 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 45. Report of Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury, dated 11 Oct. 1700.

Docquetted:—"M^r^ Ryley's particular and yearly rent, proposed by him to be paid M^r^ Yonge for the custody & proffitts of the House Parke at Hampton Court." 1 *page.*

Oct. 11. 46. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several merchants of London trading in wines, informing their Lordships that there were three several duties upon wines, for which the merchants might give bond at the importation, detailing the measures taken to recover the money and interest due on their bonds. By the Receiver-General's account, 175,169*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* appeared due on these bonds, and only 67,669*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* had as yet been delivered to the solicitor; the interest at 6*l. per cent.* would be more than 8,000*l.* Dated 11 Oct. 1700.

Also the petition, with several signatures. 3 *pages.*

[About Oct. 11.] 47. Petition of Allen Garrard to John Smith, Esq., one of the Com^rs^ of the Treasury, showing that he was one of the securities for George Murray, one of the collectors of Excise, who about 12 months before absconded, upon which the petitioner was committed to the

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1700. Poultry Counter, London, where he had remained; praying, in consideration of his long confinement, his wife and seven children, to be liberated.

Undated, but about 11 Oct. 1700. See *Reference Book*, Vol. VI., p. 397.

Minuted:—"To be brought in when the Com^rs of Excise are here."

A further petition from him to the Lords of the Treasury, with the same prayer. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 12. 48. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a memorial of the merchants of Bideford touching their bonds for the duty on tobacco; stating that they thought it reasonable to forbear prosecuting the bonds of such merchants as had debentures owing from the public as far as the debts extended, &c. Dated 12 Oct. 1700.

Minuted:—"Read again 20 N^o 1700. Agreed to. W^t signed 22 9ber 1700."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 14. 49. Letter of the Earl of Bath to [? Mr. Lowndes], complaining that his accounts as ranger of St. James' Park remained unsettled. [*Minuted*:—"Send to M^r Ryley for his report."] He had received three letters from him [Mr. Lowndes ?] by order of their Lordships, the first concerning encroachments and abuses in the park, pallisadoes upon the wall, the suppression of alehouses and other public houses, and the shutting of a little door belonging to the lodge in the nursery opening into the high road. In answer to which, several large and double staircases of stone coming down from the wall into the said park, very inconvenient and prejudicial, were totally removed, but the pallisadoes upon the wall, and the little pales at the bottom of the wall, belonged to private persons, most of them of the greatest rank and quality, as would appear by an enclosed list, and were erected with royal permission in the former and present reigns, and all allowed and continued by the late Queen, whose orders the King commanded in all things, relating to St. James's Park, should be observed during her life, and after her death, in the same manner as when she was living, as appeared by the printed orders remaining in the Treasury. If any alteration were made in the park wall, it was for the Surveyor-General to attend to; the wall was in most places strong, and the pallisadoes were thought by her late Majesty to be convenient and ornamental. The door was taken away and walled up in obedience to the King, but he (the Earl) had a freehold right to the same. The alehouses were forbidden and suppressed, except the suttlers adjoining the courts of guard, under the command of the Earl of Rumney, colonel of the Guards; he begged to inform them of the trouble he had had in suppressing that notoriously scandalous alehouse over against the Decoy, by two outlandish undertenants of one Mr. Beaubisson, a Frenchman, keeper of the King's setting dogs, &c., against whom, not obeying the King's commands, he was forced to take out writs to prosecute, as they thought

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no military execution could be used in England without the civil magistrate, but they had submitted, being better advised.

The directions were observed in respect of additional building permitted the Lord Godolphin for his house in St. James's Park.

In regard to plate in his custody to be brought into the Jewel House, he was most unjustly accused, as he had never had any plate out of the Jewel House, except what was brought into the back stairs or bedchamber, for the King's proper use. [*Minuted:*—"Send Coll. Godfrey a copy of this pt to give an answer."]

He might, indeed, make a claim to a considerable quantity of plate, &c., due to him as groom of the stole upon the death of his royal master [Charles II.], which he never received, though it was solemnly promised.

He requested that their Lordships would please to order the stop on his pension, payable out of the post office, to be removed, as was done to others, as *his* was granted on valuable considerations, viz., the surrender of the office of groom of the stole, and first gentlemen of the bedchamber, and of two patents and a release of a debt of 20,000*l.*, as was known to the board and himself [? Mr. Lowndes], who drew up the patents; there were other material proofs, viz. their Majesties' most gracious condescensions and royal promises upon the sacred word of a King and Queen for the performance thereof. [*Minuted:*—"This part to be layd before ye King."] Dated 14 Oct. 1700.

Minuted on the dorse:—"Kensington, 26 Nov. 1700. See how farr he is paid, & when it was stopt. *Again:*—27 Nov. 1700. In July 1694 the Postmaʳˢ Generall had directions from the then Lords of the Treasury to cause 1,250*£.* to be paid the Earle of Bath for halfe a year on his pencion, which was due at Michaelmas 1692, since wᶜʰ time no further payment has been made thereupon. [Added.] So there is in arrear to Mich. last for 8 years, twenty thousand pounds, 20,000*£.*"

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 15, 11 July 1701, is:—"582. 13. 3. to E. of Bath to be pd." Again, at p. 16:—"Lre for 5,233. 18. 8. to Earl of Bath & al. is read and approved." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 50. A letter signed "John Cooper," to Charles Mason, Esq., [one of the controllers of the Mint], in reference to what he had deposed on the 9th of the month before the Lords of the Treasury, respecting Mr. Greenall, in matters depending between Mr. Molyneux and the said Greenall, stating that since his examination other things had been brought to his memory. [See the paper of 8 Oct. 1700, No. 42.] Dated 15 8ᵇʳ 1700. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 15. 51. Copy of the Lords of the Treasury's order to the Comʳˢ of the Navy for payment of 6,459*l.* 16*s.* 7½*d.* to Richard Povey, Esq., receiver for the sick and wounded, out of the 20,000*l.* directed by Act of Parliament for the debts of this service. Dated 15 Oct. 1700. 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 16.] 52. Report signed "J. Stanley," to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edmund Williamson, assistant serjeant-at-arms, in favour of his receiving six months' salary.

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Undated, but the order for payment in the *Money Book*, Vol. XV., p. 189, is dated 16 Oct. 1700. 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 16.] 53. Memorandum that the Com^rs of Customs had thought fit to allow a moiety of their share in all penalties recovered by information or seizure, of customable goods imported contrary to law, for the encouragement of such as should discover the same.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Oct. 1700." 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 54. Report of Mr. J. Taylour to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Armitage and others for the charges of passing four commissions for administration of the government, in the King's absence, in 1697, 8, and 9, and 1700; and for a commission for Ecclesiastical affairs: certifying that the bill was reasonable, and suggesting that the money should be paid to Mr. Henry Baker, that the executors of Mr. Armitage might be paid, as well as the other officers. Dated 16 Oct. 1700.

The said petition and a schedule of the fees.

Minuted:—"Ordered. Lre writ 22 Jan. 1700." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 55. Abstract of payments made by Mr. Richard Povey, Receiver for the Sick and Wounded Seamen, towards clearing the old debt for the sick and wounded seamen at Deptford, Gravesend, Rochester, Deal, Dover, Sandwich, Margate, and Ramsgate.

Also payments ordered by their Lordships on 16 Oct. 1700. 4 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 18.] 56. Report signed by the Earl of Ranelagh and George Clark, on the memorial of Col. Charles Ross as to the subsistence and pay of the regiment of dragoons under his command.

Minuted:—"18 Oct. 1700. To be layd before ye K. *Again:*—12 Nov. 1700. Read, the 890^li 17^s 4^d due to his reg^t above the reduced pay is to be allowed and paid in Ireland. W^t signed 20^th Nov^r 1700." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 20. 57. Letter of Sir Edw. Seymour, late [? Paymaster] of the Navy, to William Lowndes, Esq., expressing sorrow that he is once more called on for despatch of his accounts. Mr. Maddock was then paymaster to Sir Tho. Littelton, if he had notice to appear he supposed he would be ready to give the board all manner of satisfaction. He would hasten to town to expedite the matter. Dated 20 Oct. 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 142, 25 Oct. 1700, is:—

"M^r Madox saies he & the clerks will have gone thorow the acco^ts of my Lord Orford & S^r Thomas Littleton by X'mas next, and that then he & the Navy board will soon adjust S^r Edw. Seymour's acco^t in y^e new method w^ch that board hath insisted upon." 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 58. Proposal made by the searchers to the Lords of the Treasury for a tidesman to be sent on board when East India goods, tobacco, &c. were entered outwards, and to remain till the ship departed from the Hope, below Gravesend, and for some other regulations to be made about the same. Dated 23 Oct. 1700. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 25. 59. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury, with their signatures, to the King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer, requiring him to forbear issuing any process against John Ellis, Esq., Receiver-General of the Taxes, until the first day of Hilary Term, and if process were already issued, to supersede the same. Dated 25 Oct. 1700. 1 *page.*

Oct. 25. 60. Report of Henry Baker, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lewis Williams, clerk of the kitchen of Lord Griffin, in favour of paying a claim of 320*l.* due from Lord Griffin out of his Lordship's estate. Dated 25 Oct. 1700.

The petition referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 152, 19 Nov. 1700, is :—

"Lewis Williams pet^n^ that a debt of 200^l^ principall mony and interest due to him from the Lord Griffin may be paid out of the estate, read and granted." 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 25.] 61. Petition (signed) of Francis Barry to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of the arrears of his salary as referred to in the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs for 17 Oct. 1698, and for his travelling charges. He hoped their Lordships would not think him less worthy of his salary than those who served under him.

Accompanied by a schedule of the moneys that had accrued to the King, &c., and another paper.

Minuted :—"Read 25 Oct. 1700. My Lords find his petition was dismissed on 17 July last, and this petition is rejected." 4 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 62. Warrant to the Remembrancer of the Exchequer to forbear issuing process against John Andrews, Esq., Receiver-General of the Taxes for the county of Warwick; who was then upon his account before the auditor. Dated 25 Oct. 1700. *Part of a page.*

Oct. 26. 63. Certificate signed "B. Bridges, auditor," addressed to the Lords [of the Treasury], finding that the allowances craved by the administratrix of Mordecai Abbot, sworn to by his assistant, did not exceed what had been allowed to others, &c. Dated 26 Oct. 1700.

Written at the end of the paper containing the same, as follows :—

"Charges in passing y^e^ acco^t^ of Mordecai Abbot, Esq^r^., late Rec^r^ Gen^ll^ & Cashier of his Ma^ts^ Customs in order to his *quietus*, from 20^th^ April 1699, y^e^ date of said Abbot's letters patent, to 29 February following, y^e^ day of his death."

Also charges in passing his account of the new impositions on silk, linen, &c.; further upon the Customs and new impositions. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 28. 64. Certificate of the mayor and "jurats" of the port of Rye in favour of Francis Young's appointment as bailiff there, if it were the King's pleasure to grant him the office, as they were informed he

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had an assignment of the office from John Byndloss of Portsea island. Dated 28 Oct. 1700.

Minuted:—"R. to Mr Att. to consider whether this office may legally be granted for a term of years." 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 65. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them to lay the case of the off-reckonings of the late foot regiments commanded by the Earl of Drogheda, Col. Michelburn, Col. Creichtoun, Col. St. John, and the Earl of Donnegall before the King, and to communicate the King's pleasure thereon. Dated 31 Oct. 1700.

Also a paper showing the amounts due.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Nov. 1700. The King will not allow the collor ye money as perquisites, but it is to be reserved for the King's use." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 1. 66. Letter signed B. Granville, to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a memorial from himself and intreating them to take it into consideration. Dated 1 Nov. 1700.

Also, "The proposall of Mr. Bernard Granville, concerning Mote Park," viz., that as the King intended to contract with the Duke of Albemarle to purchase the estate for 7,000*l.*, and as he expected in the interim until payment of the principal should be made, full interest at 6 *per cent.*, so the memorialist proposed that what remained unpaid of the interest from the commencemt of his title to the land, should be added to the principal, that is from 6 Oct. 1688, being upwards of twelve years; the lawful interest of 7,000*l.* amounted to 120*l. per ann.* more than the petitioner had ever received, and that would make the whole amount to 8,440*l.*; he proposed further that the large house, gardens, &c. at Mote Park should be exchanged with him for the house and ground at the Bird Cage in St. James' Park, where he lived: he flattered himself that this would be so agreable to their Lps that they would not only approve but would report it with convenient speed to His Majesty, and that they would be induced to incline the King to consider the payment of his arrears and annuity, and that the King would direct a present supply of a thousand pounds upon the said arrears and annuity, as he owed all his necessities and misfortunes to the interruptions of these payments, altho' purchased by the hazard of his life upon several occasions, by the loss of his liberty for many years, by the ruin of his estate, and by forty years constant and faithful service.

Minuted:—"Read 1 Nov. 1700. Look out ye minutes on ye hearing. To be layd before ye K."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 152, 19 Nov. 1700, is:—

"Mr. Granvill's memll relating to Mote Park is read. The King will goe no further then the agreemt with the Duke of Albemarle."

There are also two or three other minutes in the same book in his favour. 3½ *pages.*

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1700. Nov 2. 67. Report of S. Travers, Esq., Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Owen Roberts, gent., finding that he was tenant of some small parcels of land in Anglesey, and purchased the lease at a very dear rate, and that the office of steward and keeper of the courts of Menay in that county was void by the death of Sir William Williams, Knt. and Bart., and the petitioner desired to obtain the same, which was rather honorary than profitable, the fee being 5*l.* *per ann.*: leaving it to their Lordships. Dated 2 Nov. 1700.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Granted to M^r^ Roberts." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 68. Report of Mr. J. Taylour to the Lords of the Treasury, on the bill of Capt. George De la Vale, of extraordinary expenses relating to the Morocco agents, up to the 15th of Oct. last, beyond 4*l.* 10*s.* for lodging, and 10*l.* a week for their diet and entertainment, paid by the cofferer.

The expenses included the carrying them to see different exhibitions, and amongst the rest "a prize fought;" informing their Lordships that the captain could not produce vouchers, nor would he be sworn; leaving it to them to say how far it was satisfactory, &c. Dated 2 Nov. 1700.

There are five *minutes* on the back. The bill was ordered to be paid, and on the last of Jan. 1700–1 "A warr^t^ for this" was ordered. 1 *page.*

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1700. [About Nov. 8.] 1. Petition of John Thompson, Solicitor for the Taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships to sign the warrant for the payment of his salary. Undated.

A letter signed Geo. Stanlake, urging payment, and stating that the petitioner was confined to the house by a tormenting and almost incurable disease, &c. Dated 8 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"A warr^t^ for one year."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 154, 22 Nov. 1700, is:—"200^li^ to be pd. on John Tompson's warr^t^ on 8 Jan. next." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Nov. 9.] 2. Letter signed G. Delavale, to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them an account of the receipts and expenses for the entertainment of the Morocco agents, from their arrival in London (23 April) to 15 Oct.: praying an order for the balance, 527*l.* 19*s.*, above the allowance of 14*l.* 10*s.* *per* week; 88*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* thereof having been paid him for their lodging, &c. from 23 April to 20 May: the rest of the expense arose from their seeing the palaces, Cambridge, Newmarket, &c.

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Accompanied by the account sworn to, on 9 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"Mr Tailer to examine the acct wth ye vouchers." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 12. 3. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Benjamin Sweet; they had already stated the debt due to the train of artillery in Flanders, part of which, amounting to 290*l.* 1*s.* 3½*d.*, was due to the train of Ghent: which debt they could not pay, because their Lordships told them it was provided for, by Parliament, to be paid out of forfeitures, and had commanded them to lay that debt before the Comrs of accounts for Ireland. Dated 12 Nov. 1700.

Accompanied by the petition.

The second minute on the dorse is:—"[22 Nov. 1700]. The Officers of Ordnance say they will pay this mo." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 12. 4. Memorial of the same to the same, stating that they had received but 3,724*l.* on account of sea service for the year, and that there was still due 19,026*l.* They hoped they should not suffer in their just pretensions, nor be obliged to contract new debts and thereby lessen the old ones of another office. Dated 12 Nov. 1700.

[7,651*l.* was assigned them on 29 Nov 1700, to complete 11,375*l.* for sea service. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 159.] 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 13.] 5. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships in eleven clauses, the particulars of what they had observed in relation to the great frauds and abuses in the revenue of salt under their management: praying their Lordships' directions as to drawbacks.

Minuted:—"Read 13 Nov. 1700." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 13. 6. An opinion of the Attorney-General (Sir Thomas Trevor), on the question whether a fine appropriated by court-martial to Greenwich Hospital, could be otherwise applied. He says that the fine ought to have been set to be paid to the King, and the King might direct its disposal to the hospital. Dated 13 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 21 Jan. 1700. Fines set by court-marshal in ye Navy are to continue to the chest as they have done."

Accompanied by a minute of the proceedings of the court-martial, held on board the ship "Rumney," 6 April 1700, and a copy of the Order in Council of 30 March 1688, for the payment of those fines to the Chest at Chatham. 4 *pages.*

[About Nov. 13.] 7. Petition of Francis Barry to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that a former petition of his was referred to the Comrs of Customs, whose report their Lordships agreed to on 10 July last: he had since been employed by them on several eminent services, and presented a second petition in October last; praying a reference to the Comrs of Customs.

Minuted:—"Speak wth ye C. of Customs when here. 13 Nov. 1700. Rejected." 1 *page.*

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Nov. 13. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to sums arising from the hereditary revenue of Excise before 25 Dec. 1699, payable to the Queen Dowager and to His Majesty, &c. Dated 13 Nov. 1700.

Accompanied by a letter from Mr. Lowndes, and an answer thereto on the same subject.

On the dorse is a minute providing for the payment of 1,065*l.* 3 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 9. Memorial of Lord Cornbury's agent to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the Lords of the Admiralty were directed to provide 130 tons measurement for the transport of Lord Cornbury's attendants and equipage to New York under convoy of the man-of-war "Jersey." The Com^rs of the Navy had freighted a ship at 3*l.* per ton, and their Receiver applied to the Treasury for 390*l.*, and they granted that sum. The captain of the ship chosen, would not go except he had the money, and his Lordship's servants, &c., were not likely to accompany him, unless the Navy made a quick despatch of the business; representing further the inconvenience from stopping the clothing of the four companies in New York, and that the Lord Ranelagh's report was not to be obtained, though applied for daily; praying that the ill consequences might be considered. Dated 15 Nov. 1701.

Minuted:—"17 Nov. 1700. My Lords have issued the mony to the Treasurer of the Navy, and he must apply to the proper offices for the application of it, and they have paid to the E. of Ranelagh all the clearings for the companys at New York to 24 June last." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis White, wishing, on account of age and infirmity, to resign his place of landwaiter in the port of London to his kinsman, Mr. Richard Ryves, who was bred a linendraper; agreeing that that training was "a very proper education to fit him for the said imployment." Dated 16 Nov. 1700.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 11. Petition of the conservator and keepers of Dean Forest, for payment of arrears for two years and three quarters, amounting to 577*l.* 10*s.* out of the wood sales of that forest. Dated 16 Nov. 1700.

Also two certificates relating thereto.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 280, 30 May 1701, is:—"A letter for the salary of the keepers of Dean Forrest." 3 *half pages.*

Nov. 20. 12. Report of Mr. Philip Ryley, Surveyor-General of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Progers, touching the repairs of the lodges, stabling, cleansing the great sewer, &c., in Jockey Park, near Hampton Court; the cost would be 230*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* It would be for the safety of the park and preservation of the game to rebuild the under-keepers' lodges, which would together amount to 360*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* Dated 20 Nov. 1700.

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Also the estimate and petition of Edw. Progers, Esq.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye K. Read 23 June 1701. To be let alone till the K. [orders it] himself." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 13. Letter from the agents for taxes to William Lowndes, Esq., desiring him to move the Lords of the Treasury that Mr. Auditor Done should deliver a copy of Sir Henry Goodrick's account, respecting the expedition in Yorkshire at the King's accession, of which he was treasurer, as Mr. Hawson alleged, without which he could not proceed in his discovery. Dated 20 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"Direct Aud^{r} Done to transmitt the acco^{t} to this board." 1 *page.*

Nov. 21. 14. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, moving their Lordships to grant a moiety of 280*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* of English money to Joseph Bentley and others, who had seized the same in the port of Liverpool. Dated 21 Nov. 1700.

Also certificates of the seizure.

Minuted:—"Ordered. The officers paying the charges. W^{t} signed 28 X^{br} 1700." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 15. Report by William Tailer, deputy auditor, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, certifying that there was due to the King from the Receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year 1699, 3,273*l.* 10*s.* 1¼*d.*, &c. Dated 21 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"Write to S^{r} P. Killigrew upon this. Letter writ 6th Xbr. 1700." 1 *page.*

Nov. 23. 16. Letter of Lord Bellomont to Mr. Lownds, on most of the subjects touched upon in his letter to the Lords of the Treasury of the same date, and in addition, because he knows Mr. Lowndes is a good Englishman and of a public spirit, sending him a contract he had made for 24 masts of the three largest sizes, or a list of the prices, which would save 20,000*l.* a year. He had undertaken to furnish the King and all his dominions with naval stores of all kinds, except flax and hemp, at 30 *per cent.* less than they were brought to London; besides from thence they might be called our own, whereas the present trade was foreign and precarious. Dated 23 Nov. 1700.

Also the said list. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 17. Letter of Peter Shakerley to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the last year he and Sir Thomas Grozvenour (since dead) addressed their Lordships on behalf of Allbyan Grey and others, poor workmen and artificers, for the sum of 524*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* for work done in Chester Castle when Sir John Morgan was Governor, who received verbal orders for the same at Chester from the late Duke Schomberg, then on his way to Ireland; praying for payment. Dated 23 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 29 Nov. 1700. My Lords will speak with the Off^{rs} of Ordnance next time."

Copy of report from the principal Officers of the Ordnance on

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the same subject; also the copy of the letter referring the matter to them for their report.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 220, 27 Feb. 1700–1, is:— "The officers of the Ordnance's report, touching worke done at Chester Castle by Albion Gray, read; and ordered to be paid when the officers of the Ordnance have money applicable thereunto." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 18. Letter of Lord Bellomont to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had received a letter from Mr. Champante, agent for the "four companies" in the King's pay, announcing that he had lent Mr. Weaver, collector of that province, 425*l.*, who had drawn for that amount on him (Lord Bellomont). Mr. Champante had acted very freely with him in that, and it was a trouble and surprise to him, and to be safe for the future, he must throw up the agency or desire their Lordships to take good security from the agent, who should be presented to them, it ought to be 10,000*l.*, as the agent would have 7,000*l.* a year of the King's money in his hands. He thought it best to leave the choice of a fit person to his friends. He sent copies of Mr. Weaver's commission (marked A.), of his bill of exchange (B.), and his account (C.), in which he charges 200*l.* a year salary as collector, being 300*l.* for a year and a half, from 25 March 1699; the Council smiled at it, that he should pretend to a year and a half's salary for taking his pastime in London, while another did the duty and received the full pay. About a year ago he had written to Mr. Weaver to come to his post; but he took no notice of the letter. He wished that all persons entitled to salary in those provinces should only receive it from the time of entering upon their employment.

They had appointed Com^rs^ to examine and state the public accounts of that province, and the article in relation to Mr. Weaver would not pass without an order from their Lordships. The trade there and at Boston was under all the ill management they could imagine. It seemed extraordinary that Mr. Brenton and Mr. Weaver should be suffered to stay so long from their posts. Mr. Brenton had been two years in England. A third of the trade was directly against law. If their Lordships would not keep a strict hand over the collectors, the trade in England would suffer. A Governor could not do his own duty and the collectors' too. He had laid before the Lords of the Council of Trade a state of the provinces. Above all he had observed upon the treachery and corruption of the last Governor, Col. Fletcher, in selling almost all the lands and woods to nine or ten mean persons. The King and all his dominions might be furnished plentifully with naval stores, &c. from thence; but he had not an acre of land nor a tree left in the province. The Lords of the Council of Trade would no doubt make this abominable corruption appear to the King and the ministers, and expose the fraud of Col. Allen's claim of the soil and woods of the whole province of New Hampshire and a great part of the province of Massachussets Bay. They were of unspeakable value, and it was their

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Lordships' province to see that they were not embezzled. He spent 71*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* (New England money) in his journey to Rhode Island and back to Boston, and 60*l.* (New England money) for apprehending James Gillam, a pirate, since executed in London; out of which sums 30 *per cent.* should be deducted to make it sterling: the Com^rs^ of accounts would not allow it there, and he prayed their Lordships to pay it to Sir John Stanley for his use.

Postscript.—A few years ago the excise of Albany, let to farm, yielded above 400*l.* a year; since Mr. Livingston had had the collection, it had sunk to 100*l.* a year; his salary was 50*l.*, in addition to which he obtained a commission in 1695 as secretary of the Indian affairs at 100*l.* a year. At the suggestion of the Council it was set to farm. The Com^rs^ of accounts had entered a *caveat* against Mr. Livingston's pretensions to 800*l.* due by the province.

Mr. Basse had had great good fortune in his trial on account of his (Lord Bellomont's) seizing the ship "Hester" at Perth Amboy, in East Jersey, in having recovered such damages of the King. The ship was sold by inch of candle, and there was no partiality shown by him, as most falsely told the world in a printed paper dispersed amongst the members of Parliament, nor did he get a shilling by it. The ship had but 28,000 pipe staves on board. The discourse with the merchants was that Basse had embezzled his brother-in-law, Mr. John Lofting's cargo, valued at 800*l.* &c.

A most violent storm had happened on the 29th of November, and drove all the vessels from their anchors, which delayed the ship that carried his (Lord Bellomont's) packets a week. He sent Col. de Peyster's affidavit to satisfy their Lordships of the many falsities about the ship "Hester." Col. de Peyster was a very honest upright man, and Basse a known profligate fellow, and remarkable for lying. Dated New York, 23 Nov. 1700.

Also the three enclosures referred to.

Printed in *Documents relative to Colonial History of New York*, Vol. IV., p. 775. 8 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 19. Copy of report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several merchants of London, and the outports, who had imported wine, and were under prosecution for several ladings of wine imported from St. Sebastian and other ports of Spain, and prayed that all proceedings at law against them might stop, and that they might be admitted to compound in like manner as the owners of the 11 ships of wine were admitted to compound, in Trinity term last: stating that in a former report they had advised the acceptance of a composition of a third of the value of the 11 ships, to which their Lordships had agreed, and upon another memorial they had advised the same composition, as the merchants had proposed for themselves and their friends to desist from the irregular trade, and to detect abuses; to make the composition practicable they proposed that the collector and controller should certify how much was received, &c.; the law charges should be borne by the persons taking out licences to compound, out of

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which the persons who had detected this trade might be gratified; the composition would amount to about 61,508*l.* The wine entered at the outports paid 3*l. per* tun less duty than that in London; they expected the Spanish duty would abate about one-third of the 61,508*l.* The persons who had imported wine from St. Sebastian, &c., now supposed to have been French, should be prosecuted by way of *devenerunt.* Dated 23 Nov. 1700.

Also the petition of the several merchants referred to, with nine signatures; and

The obligation of the said merchants to desist from an irregular import of wine.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 297, 20 June 1701, is:—"Wine merchants calld in. They are told they must treat w^th^ the Com^rs^ of Customs about a composicon for the French dutys for w^ch^ they are prosecuted. The Com^rs^ of Customes are to be easy w^th^ them, & to give time for the composicon mony." 6 *pages* (*two very large*).

[About Nov. 26.] 20. Petition of James Greenham to the King, showing that he had served the Crown about 33 years, and was deputy to William Legge, Esq., in the office of supervising the works in the several parks, but during the present reign was only concerned in St. James' Park, which was so ruinated, that with other works it would cost about 4,000*l.* to do what was needful; praying that Com^rs^ might be appointed to inspect the encroachments, &c., that Wm. Legge, Esq., might be one of the Com^rs^, and that Wm. Silcock might be a messenger, as he had knowledge of the same; in order to a resumption of the lands: further praying that he might be minuted for such a share of the premises for his services as their Lordships thought fit, together with the arrear of his salary since 1692, and for some disbursements due to him in the year 1688, amounting to about 500*l.*

Minuted:—"Hampton Court, 26^th^ Nov. 1700. Read."

Also a certificate, signed W. Legge, that the petitioner was employed as his deputy. 1½ *pages.*

[?About Nov. 27.] 21. A note written by Mr. [Bernard] Granville to the Lords of the Treasury, once more presuming to entreat their Lordships, that they would order him 100*l.* out of the royal bounty, as it would be Christmas before there was an order for his year's rent.

Minuted:—"P^d^ 27 Nov^r^ 1700."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 157, 26 Nov. 1700, is:—"M^r^ Granville's mem^ll^ is read. The King gives him 100^l^ bounty, but orders my Lords to finish the old bargain for Mote Parke." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 27.] 22. Petition of John Roetier to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that there were due to him and to Joseph and Philip Roetier, his brothers, upon a pension of 450*l. per ann.*, two and a half years' arrears, as appeared by the annexed certificate, that he was disabled in his hands by his extraordinary service as engraver to the Mint, and especially upon the alteration of the coin; he had no estate or employment to support his wife and children and seven small grand-

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children and their mother, the father being dead; praying for the said arrears.

Also the certificate, dated 27 Nov. 1700.

A state of the Roetier's case.

Copy of the Letters Patent of King Charles II., appointing the above three persons, reciting in the preamble that it was from the King's long experience of their great skill and knowledge "in the arts of graveing and cutting in stone, as also in diverse other arts, and for that they have at our instance and desire quitted their native countryes and are willing to settle themselves in this our kingdom, and to imploy their whole time in the said arts for our service." They were to make, frame, and engrave the designs and effigies of the King's image on such sizes and forms as were to serve in all sorts of coins, gold or silver, together with all medals of all sorts, and metals, representing the King's and his dear consort's effigies, &c. 9 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 27.] 23. Petition of Castiliana, Countess of Cavan, to the King, showing that she was reduced to very great extremity through her Lord's mismanagement of his affairs, and was much in debt by providing for her second son, nine years a volunteer at sea; praying for relief.

Minuted:—"27th Nov. 1700. Read. The K. will give her 50li more if she will go to Ireland. P'd 29 Novr." ½ *page.*

Nov. 30. 24. Report of the Comrs of the Revenue for Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Captain Charles Nicholson, giving an account of the delay in settling his accounts, and stating that 851*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* appeared to be due to the King, notwithstanding the claims made by the captain; applying to be allowed to recover the same. Dated 30 Nov. 1700. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 30. 25. Petition of Sir Basil Dixwell, who before the present establishment of guards and garrisons had 227*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* due for arrear of his salary; praying that the arrear might be directed to be paid out of some fund that would answer it, it being the whole pay belonging to the lieutenancy of Dover Castle, &c., and there being no prospect of his obtaining the same from the money for "contingencies." Dated 30 Nov. 1700.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. Kensington, 3 Xbr. 1700. Respited." 1 *page.*

[? Perhaps about Nov.] 26. "The yearly charge for keeping ye fish & fowle in St. James' Park," amounting to 200*l.*; proposing that the keeper should have a salary of 200*l.* a year in lieu of bills and all other demands. Without date; the following minute is perhaps in relation to this:—"Webb, fowle keeper, his bill is read. The King would not have the fowle cost any thing; he takes no delight in them. The King will allow the present fowle keeper a salary only for the future, and as to Web, the King will make him an allowance in proportion to that salary for the time past." See *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 157, 26 Nov. 1700. 1 *page.*

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[About Nov.] 27. "Expenses for y^e Morocco agents over and above the bill lately given in to the Lords of y^e Treasurie."
Signed:—G. Delavale.
Without date, but after 15 Nov. from an entry, and see a report of 2 Nov. 1700 (Vol. LXX., No. 68) on the bill referred to. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Nov.] 28. Petition of John, Earl of Bath, to the King, praying to have the stop taken off the payment of his pension, which was settled according to a contract by articles of agreement between the petitioner and the Lords of the Treasury, and further praying for the future payment thereof.
Minuted:—"There is no stop upon this, and the King will pay him as soon as his occasions will permit him."
The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 157, 26 Nov. 1700:—"Extract of Lord Bathe's lre for taking off the stop on his pension at the Post Office is read. See how far he is paid and when it was stopt." 2 *pages*.

Dec. 2. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Owen Buckingham, showing that out of the great plenty of flax in Holland, the Dutch had usually prepared a coarse sort of dressed flax, called snowtings, which the English had bought and sent from Holland to the Canaries; but the last year the importations were greater into England than Holland, and for the encouragement of trade the petitioner caused about five tons of dressed flax to be prepared out of rough flax for the Canaries, and the Com^rs agreed that he should be entitled to the drawback: Mr. Humberstone, an officer "attending the Bench," had opposed the opinion of the "declared sense of all the Com^rs," and obstructed the petitioner in passing his "cocquet;" announcing to their Lordships that they thought it reasonable to permit the exportation, for that the dressing did not so alter the quality as to hinder the benefit of the drawback; they had heard Mr. Humberstone's objections, and were still of the same opinion. It encouraged the people in dressing the flax, and benefitted the navigation by carrying it to the Canaries, which trade the Dutch would otherwise have. Dated 2 Dec. 1700.
Also the said petition, and the answer of Matthew Humberston, usher of the Custom-house and deputy surveyor, which contains useful information, including a list of foreign goods that paid duty outwards on being manufactured.
Minuted:—"W^t signed." 9 *pages*.

Dec. 2. 30. Report of Mr. Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury. The facts in the accompanying report of Mr. John Taylor in relation to expenses in St. James' Park were truly stated, but he was as much a stranger to the number of deer kept in the several years (viz. from 1693), as Mr. Taylor was: the prices of hay, &c. were fair, but in future the bills should be immediately exhibited. [The Earl of

1700. Bath was then Chief Ranger and keeper of the Park.] Dated 2 Dec. 1700.

Accompanied by the account.

Mr. Taylor's report is minuted thus:—"Ref. to Mr. Ryly to examine & report and write from ye Board to E. Bath, taking notice of ye K.s direction for suppressing publique houses & incroachmts in ye park, & that it is not done, & desire the King's order may forthwth be complyed with." "Prepare a warrt." 4 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 31. Report signed "R. Cotton & Tho. Frankland," Postmasters-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Freegift Pilkington, wife of Richard Pilkington, late Postmaster of Ipswich, co. Suffolk, advising the compounding a debt of 307*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* for 150*l.*, as it was all that the securities could raise. Dated 4 Dec. 1700.

Also the petition, and copy of a testimonial to the postmaster's character, &c.

Minuted:—"A warrt to deliver up ye bond wherein ye suretys are bound upon paymt of 150li and ye rest of ye debt to be sett *in super* upon ye heires & execrs of ye principll. Wt signed 2d Aprill 1701." 4 *pages.*

Dec. 5. 32. An Order in Council, referring the consideration of a petition of Thomas Bourne for 734*l.* out of 60,000*l.* appropriated for the wages of servants of King Charles II., to the Lords of the Treasury, for them to give directions thereon. Dated 5 Dec. 1700.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. to bestow something on him as bounty. 21 Jan. 1700. 20li bounty. Paid 24 Jan. 1700."

Accompanied by the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 9. 33. Letter from the Postmasters-General (R. Cotton and Tho. Frankland) to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to one from Mr. Lowndes, respecting various particulars in their "bill of incidents" for the quarter ended at Michaelmas, informing them that they would take particular care that neither the candles nor the stationery should exceed what was necessary; but almost the whole duty was performed by candle light, and there was an extraordinary expense in that quarter of 62*l.* 3*s.* by printing labels, &c. for the cross-post, lately set up, between Exeter and Chester. The patent to the Court post obliged that officer to carry His Majesty's letters only between the Court or palace of His Majesty's residence and the first post office. When the King was at Newmarket or Windsor the Court post carried them no further than the post houses in the towns, and Hampton Court being no post town, he was obliged to bring them to Kingston, and from Kensington or Whitehall to the General Post Office. The King's and Treasurer's Remembrancer had always demanded the sums set down for entering the accounts of the office. It was usual for ships coming from abroad, and especially the colonies, to bring great numbers of letters, and the Act not compelling them to deliver them into the post office, it was

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always customary to allow the masters of vessels 1*d.* each letter, as an encouragement to deliver them into the office. Respecting the Gazettes, there were many postmasters who served without salary, or for less than they would otherwise do, in consideration of being allowed Gazettes by the office frank; and the postmasters for Ireland and abroad, with whom they were under treaty, had always been allowed them. They hoped this perquisite would be allowed. Dated 9 Dec. 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 203, 7 Feb. 1700–1, is:—"To the Postm^rs. That my Lords having signed a dorm^t warr^t for 20^sh a day to the Court post, and observing that in ye bill of incidents His Ma^ty is charged for the carr. of y^e Court letters; my Lords do direct them for the future to save that charge to the King by directing y^e Court post to performe his duty, and if His Ma^ty be hereafter putt to any charge for carrying such letters so despatched as by ye nature of his office should be carryd by him, that the same be made good out of his sallary." 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 9. 34. Report of Mr. J. Taylour to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Captain Delaval, finding by the account annexed, which Sir William Hodges gave to the captain at his coming from Cadiz, that no more than 7,811 dollars were charged as received on Admiral Aylmer's letters of credit for negotiating with the Emperor of Morocco for the redemption of captives; further reporting on 1,000 other dollars alleged to have been expended. Dated 9 Dec. 1700.

Accompanied by the memorial and the account, and eight other papers, including a letter from Mr. Lowndes and a letter from Sir Wm. Hodges on the same subject. 14 *pages or parts of pages.*

[About Dec. 10.] 35. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, on Mr. Wise's estimate for works to be performed in the King's parks and gardens [at Hampton Court]; they had considered the several articles and made abatements in the prices, as shown in the margin; but the measurements were uncertain till the work was done.

Written on the back of the estimate.

Minuted:—"10 Xbr. 1700. These works are to be done; but y^e rates sett by the Officers of Works are not to be exceeded; 150*l.* a week to be continued till ye works already measured be p̃d off; afterwards 100^l a week for these works."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 165, 10 Dec. 1700, is an altered copy of this estimate of works, with the above order made thereon.

Another paper containing:—

"An account of what new works hath been performed in and about His Majesties gardens and parkes att Hampton Court." By Henry Wise, Gardner.

It also included estimate of works going on; the last being delivered in on 22 Nov. 1700. 4 *pages.*

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Dec. 12. 36. Order in Council, referring to the Lords of the Treasury the petition of John Dwyer, of Doondrom, in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, relating to certain concealed and retrenched lands granted to him, as he alleged, by King Charles II., and to a pension of 8*s.* a day. Dated 12 Dec. 1700.
Also the copy of the petition.
Minuted:—"Read ult. Jan. 1700. My Lords can do nothing in this." 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 13. 37. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the bills of Mr. Wise. Dated 13 Dec. 1700. 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 38. "Mr. Baker's extract of the inquisition of Sir Wm. Parkyn's forfeit estate, and the incumbrances thereon."
A paper so *docquetted.* Dated 14 Dec. 1700.
Minuted:—"W^t signd." 1 *page.*

Dec. 16. 39. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Peter La Roche and Oliver Goodaker, as to 1,674*l.* 2*s.* due for the clothing of the Earl of Arran's regiment. Dated 16 Dec. 1700.
Minuted:—"P^rpare a S. M." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 17.] 40. Petition of William Dockwra, of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was dispossessed of his penny post by the severity of the late reigns [*i.e.*, in the reign of James II.], and that he had lost all other business to establish it; the House of Commons recommended his case to the King, whereupon he granted the petitioner a pension of 500*l.* a year for seven years, and after that for three years longer, which expired at Midsummer then last past; praying their Lordships to recommend him favourably for continuance of his pension.
Minuted:—"17 Dec. 1700. Read to the King. The King is not willing to grant the pencion; but will imploy him in business when an imployment doth fall that he is fitt for."
Accompanied by a printed copy of the votes of the House of Commons referred to in his petition.
Also a more detailed representation of his case, in which he says he was appointed controller of the penny post at Lady Day 1697, and held it for three years and a quarter, till by misrepresentation, grounded on malice and revenge, he was dismissed and Mr. Castleton put in. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 41. An abstract of such part of 6,459*l.* 16*s.* 7½*d.*, as on the 15th day of October 1700, was directed by the Lords of the Treasury to be paid to Rd. Povey, Esq., treasurer for sick and wounded seamen, out of 20,000*l.* appropriated towards payment of that debt, at the several ports in their Lordships' order, &c. *Signed:*—"Tho. Addison." Dated 17 Dec. 1700. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 18. 42. Presentment of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to some justices of the peace in the county of Hants having removed several salt officers and an officer of the excise; stating their belief that it was of the utmost consequence that they might place their own officers as it seemed expedient; they also submitted Sir Robert Smith's letter on the same subject. Dated 18 Dec. 1700.

The said letter; dated 23 Oct. 1700.

"Read 18 Xbr. 1700." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 43. Report of the same to the same, stating that their Lordships had directed them to take the opinions of learned counsel upon certain queries as to the diminution of frauds in connection with the duties on salt and fish; they now send the said opinion: as their Lordships would perceive, it was not in their power, as the laws stood, to prevent the frauds, they desired leave to prepare some clauses to be enacted in Parliament for that purpose. Dated 18 Dec. 1700.

The opinions referred to.

"Read 18 Xbr. 1700." 7 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 44. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Eliz. Clarke, widow and relict of Thomas Clarke, late collector of Excise, in relation to several sums owing by her husband, reminding their Lordships that in several instances where losses had happened to collectors by failing of persons by whom they made their returns, (and the persons were men of supposed good circumstances at the time of receiving the money,) they had granted warrants for the discharge of such collectors; they saw nothing in the petitioner's case why the sums should not be allowed. [*Minuted:*—"Agreed put ye report."]

They could not allow a sum of 211*l.* 5*s.*, pretended to have been expended by the petitioner's husband in obtaining an extent against Wm. Martin to recover Martin's arrears. [*Minuted:*—"Disallowed."]

As to 225*l.* for poundage, &c. paid to sheriffs of Middlesex when her husband's money was taken by extent, they found her husband, who was collector of Worcester, was ordered to move to Hereford collection, and refused to comply; they ordered Mr. Thos. Driver to collect in his place, and Mr. Clark to pay his balance to Mr. Driver, which he also refused to do, and as they learnt that he had come to London with a great sum of money and Exchequer bills amounting to 3,000*l.*, and the then Com^rs of Excise fearing (as they had just cause), that he was going off, caused a seizure to be made, and the 225*l.* was the expense of the seizure. The present Com^rs state, as it might be true, that Clark came with the intent to pay the money and bills, they recommend the petitioner as an object of charity for allowance of the same. [*Minuted:*—"Allow this 225."] Dated 18 Dec. 1700.

Also the petition referred to. 4 *pages.*

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Dec. 18. 45. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending a recompense to several officers for their pains on the duty of 15 *per cent.* on East India goods; viz.:—

To Mr. Davies - - 100*l.* *per ann.*
Mr. Holland - - 50*l.* „
Mr. Carkesse - - 100*l.* „
The Controller's deputy 50*l.* „

They let the patent officers (who had applied to them) rest for the present. Dated 18 Dec. 1700.

Minuted:—"Agreed. To be p^d out of this duty. W^t signed 28 Xbr. 1700." 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 20. 46. Report of Mr. Wm. Borrett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Davis, complaining of Mr. William Vanbrugh, between whom and the petitioner there was a suit in equity. Mr. Borrett conceived that the money appointed to be paid to Davis ought not to be stopped. Dated 20 Dec. 1700.

There are two *minutes* on the back, the second of which is:—"24 Jan. 1700. The sum of 43. 13. 0. assigned to Whiston is to remayne in y^e Tre[asure]r's hands till the suit be determined or the partys agree." 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 47. "Abstract of the pay of a captain and 41 additional men to the company of foot at Newfoundland," from 25 April 1700 to 24 Dec. following.

Minuted:—"L̃re writ 10^th May 1701 for 264^l 6^s 8^d. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 48. A general abstract of the accounts of His Majesty's revenue in Ireland for one year, ended at Christmas 1700.

Another abstract for the same period.

Also similar abstracts for the quarters ended Midsummer and Christmas 1700. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 49. Five papers relating to the gross produce of the Excise, between Midsummer 1698 and Christmas 1700. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 50. A list of the persons taxed in the penny post office, "by virtue of an Act of Parliament for granting an aide to His Maj^tie by sale of the forfeited estates and interests in Ireland, & by a land tax in England," for the year ending 25 Dec. 1700.

Another copy of the list, with a note of the payment of the total to the collector of taxes.

Also another list of those assessed to the 2*s.* aid, viz., on those having less than 60*l.* *per ann.* 3 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 51. Acquittances and certificates for expenses incurred in connection with the ship "Ruport," prize, Captain Richard Long, commander, between 1697 and 1700. The latest date is 30 Dec. 1700.

Amongst the expenses was an item for two furnaces, portable, "made of lute (clay) as experience hath proved fitt to melt ye

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hardest of mettell without belloes." There is also "an account of what goods and liquors were given to and bestowed upon the Indians inhabiting on the coast and gulph of "Durian," and likewise on the Florida Indians and those of the Mosquetos." 7 *pages.*

Jan.—Dec. 52. Monthly accounts of the fees received in the Treasury, and of the division of the same among the various officers. 65 *pages or parts of pages.*

[Perhaps about 1700.] 53. A paper containing a list of 48 persons, chiefly merchants, headed, "The King ag^t Richard Nutt." They were perhaps witnesses to be examined in a suit. [Of little value.] 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

[Perhaps about 1700.] 54. Petition of John Richardson [of Gateshead] to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be appointed to some one of the places in the county of Durham or Northumberland for the prevention of frauds. Undated.

Accompanied by two certificates (one with many signatures, apparently from the inhabitants of the parish of Gateshead) in his favour. 3 *pages, much decayed.*

[1700.] 55. A paper *docquetted:*—"M^r Aylmer's acc^t," showing certain expenses, amounting to 2,140*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, in connection with Capt. Delaval's mission to Barbary, for the liberation of the slaves there. Undated, but see other papers for 1700.

Also a receipt given by J. Cole for money for Robert Cole, consul at Algiers, viz., to the Hon. Sir Willm. Hodges & Co. 2 *half pages.*

[Perhaps about 1700.] 56. Memorial of the clerk of the Hanaper, concerning a rent payable to him out of the Alienation Office, which rent was said to be stopped by a letter from the Lords [of the Treasury].

Minuted:—"To be taken of[f]." 8 *lines.*

[? Perhaps about 1700.] 57. Petition of Amy Goldsborough, daughter of Capt. Goldsborough, deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the continuance of her pension of 20*l. per ann.* Undated.

Signed also by the vicar, churchwardens, &c. 1 *page.*

[? 1700.] 58. Petition of the commissioned officers belonging to the company now in Newfoundland, showing that they were ordered to their post, and were very bare of money, &c., having lain out of commission above three years; praying their Lordships to order what they saw fit. Undated. [A tally was ordered for this company 13 March 1699–1700.] See *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 6, 13 March 1699–1700. 1 *page.*

[? About 1700.] 59. Petition of Capt. Plunkett's company in the First Marine Regiment, lately commanded by the Right Hon. the Marquis of Carmarthen, to Mr. Lowndes, showing the miserable condition of themselves and their families; praying him to put the Lords in mind to order money for them. Undated, but Capt. Plunkett

1700. appears connected with the marines in 1699 and 1700. See *Minute Book*, Vol. IX., p. 239, and Vol. X., p. 77. 1 *page.*

[Perhaps about 1700.] 60. An estimate of the annual revenue of the kingdom of Ireland. Undated. 1 *page.*

1700. 61. "Abstract of the acc^{tt} of prizes, *anno* 1700." 1 *large page.*

[? 1700.] 62. A comparison of two proposals for farming the Excise and salt duties, in parallel columns, thus:—

"The first,	"The second,
Francis Parry, et al., did propose for a farme of three yeares from Midsm^{r} 1700."	Samuel Shepheard, et al., do propose for the like terme."

Also observations upon the foregoing comparison [drawn out in Mr. Lowndes' handwriting]. *Docquetted* in addition:—"An estimate of what may be expected from these two proposals & that of Sir John Parsons & al."

A fair copy of the same. 6 *pages.*

[1700.] 63. Memorial of the officers of the late First Marine Regiment to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that Mr. Harnage might comply with their Lordships' former direction of 12 June 1700, viz., that the agents of the two late marine regiments should give an account from what officers and in what proportion 987*l.* 18*s.* received in Sept. 1694 was stopped for the poundage of the officers.

Minuted:—"M^{r} Harnage to send in the acc^{t} from whom this 987*l.* 18*s.* was stopt." 1 *page.*

[? End of 1700 or 1701.] 64. Letter of Mr. Thos. Molyneux to Wm. Lownds, Esq., stating that the time for making up his controller's rolls for the Mint in the Tower to Christmas 1699, and for the five country mints, had expired, and asking him to excuse him to their Lordships, and to move them to extend the time to the latter end of January, as he found they were much more trouble in the country mints than could have been supposed, &c. Undated. 1 *page.*

[? 1700.] 65. The "original draught of the reply to the answer of the Com^{rs} for Sick & Wounded, &c."

The reply was made by some body of Com^{rs}, perhaps [the Com^{rs} for accounts?], and apparently related to the accounts of Com^{rs} for the Sick and Wounded Seamen.

Undated, but after 25 March 1699. 1½ *pages.*

[? 1700 or 1701.] 66. "A list of the late Queen's servants of ever blessed memory, who have been paid by Edw^{d} Nicholas, Esq^{r}, Treasurer to Her Ma^{tie}, the sums hereunto annexed, half a year to Midsomer 1699."

There are memoranda of the deaths of some of the persons, one of which is as late as Oct. 1700: also that some of the payments were to cease at different times, and the latest at Christmas 1700 8 *pages.*

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[?1700 or 1701.] 67. Representation of several officers and clerks of the Tally Court in the Exchequer at Westminster, to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to the Acts relating to weights and measures of 14 Edw. I. and 12 Hen. VII., and to the Act made in the last session, entitled an Act for ascertaining the measures of beer and ale, by which every city, town, &c. was to be supplied with a standard quart and pint measure, and the chamberlains of the Exchequer should take no fee for the same, expressing the hope on the part of the deputy chamberlains and others, that their Lordships would allow them their ancient fees, and that they might certify the measures as they had done according to the form of the indenture, a copy of which follows.

Undated, but the last Act referred to was 11 & 12 Will. III., 1700, c. 15; and they were petitioning to be considered for their fees, for the work done on 24 Jan. 1700–1. See *Reference Book*, Vol. VI., p. 809. 2 *pages.*

[1700 or later.] 68. "A list of salaries payable at the Exchequer out of the civill list revenues." They amounted to 80,196*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*

Undated. Mr. Borrett, solicitor to the Treasury, is mentioned. He was recommended to succeed Nicholas Baker. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 133, 10 Oct. 1700.

This is probably an enclosure. It is marked "letter A." 4 *pages.*

[?About 1700.] 69. A paper headed—

"Extract of y^e^ letters & memorials of y^e^ Vaudois, settled in Germany, dated May last," showing that at their coming from Piedmont in 1698, they had but nine congregations, which were then increased to twenty; it also shows the names of the places at which they were settled, their numbers, that they lived almost by themselves in barracks and timber houses; they had everywhere begun a church, school, and vicarage; most of them were ploughmen and few tradesmen, except those amongst them who were French; their soil barren, no grass fields, therefore little cattle, they have *de friché** a great deal of land. The ministers and schoolmasters who lived on the pension of the English Court, settled in 1689, were most necessitous, as their pension was wanting for three years past; but the pension from Holland of 40*l.* to the minister and schoolmaster, had always beeen punctually paid. Each colony chose its magistrates and was governed by the minister, the mayor (called syndic), the ancients, and syndics. They were pretty secure from the French ravages, being separated by woods, rivers, five days' journey, and an army. The charities had been distributed to them by an eminent merchant, pious and most affectionate, at Frankfort, Mr. Isaac Behagel, who could no longer be at the toil thereof, but who was to be requested to continue.

Without date, but some time after 1698.

* *De friché*; wild uncultivated land.

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1700. There is nothing about this in the *Letter* or *Reference Books*, but in the index to Vol. X. of the *Minute Book* (29 Jan. 1700–1) is :— "Vaudois ministers annuity on Mr. Nicholls list to cease, p. 196."

At the page indicated is :—

"800li *per ann.* to my Lord Almoner, & 425li to the Vaudois ministers to cease.

"100li *per ann.* to ye Bishop of London } to be left out of ye
"100 *per ann.* to ye Bishop of Salisbury } list."

2 *pages.*

[? 1700 or 1701.] 70. A letter signed Gilbert Heathcote, to the Honourable Richard Hill, Esq., in regard to the value of pieces of eight in Jamaica and the Leeward Islands, stating what advance he would make. Undated ; the Richard Hill mentioned is probably one of the Lords of the Treasury, whose æra was 1699 to 1701. The paper has the water mark WR. *Part of a page.*

[? Perhaps 1700 or 1701.] 71. A paper entitled "For Jamaica and the Leward Islands" as to bills of exchange.

On the back is "Hastwell." 9 *lines.*

[? 1700.] 72. *Docquet* :—"An abstract of the gross & neate produce of the 3s aydes 1696, capitacon &c., 1s ayde 1696, and quarterly poll 1697, within the division of Mr Auditor Shales," in various counties, made out by order from William Lowndes, Esq. of the 19th of Febry. 1699. 2 *large pages.*

1700. 73. Copy of an "accompt of the gross and net proceed of the duty of 4½ *per cent.* in the Charibbee Islands, for 10 years to 1700 incl." 2 *pages.*

[Perhaps about 1700.] 74. Petition of Robert Webb, brother to the late John Webb, the King's fowl and fish keeper in St. James's Park, addressed to the King ; showing that he was keeper in the forest of Alce Holt under Lord Portsmouth, but his brother dying, and he being left executor, he was sent for to bury him, when by the King's command the Lord Wharton ordered him to remain and take the charge which his brother had until further orders ; since which time he hath been at charges for corn, &c., which with arrears due to his brother, amounted to 412*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* besides his liveries due in the wardrobe, &c. ; praying for payment and to continue in the office. Undated, but see Vol. LXXI., 26. 1 *page.*

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[?1701.] 1. Memoranda of certain sums due to Lord Fairfax, and the proposed mode of payment, and queries connected therewith.
Undated, but after 24 Dec. 1700. 1 *page.*

[Early in 1700–1.] 2. A list of the servants that attended His Majesty into Holland the last year, and are now appointed for this present year 1701, for half a year's wages due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office at Midsummer 1700. 1 *page.*

Jan. 2. 3. Letter of Lord Bellomont to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he and the Council objected to the 200*l.* a year salary to Mr. Weaver as collector of the province of New York, the revenue of the province being clogged with anticipations, and the public service in consequence faintly carried on; the debts of the government which could not be discharged were about 5,000*l.*; the King's house in the fort was ready to fall on his (the Governor's) head; the barracks out of repair, &c. Mr. Weaver arrived after 13 weeks' passage; it was time he recommended him (Mr. Weaver) "formerly" [formally] to their Lordships' favour, but a whole country could not be disobliged. He was entitled to a year and three-quarters salary before he was in his employment, which disgusted the people there, and might lead the province to refuse to settle a revenue which he brought the Assembly to agree to with difficulty last May twelvemonth. He had not been able to take any course with Mr. Brookes's accounts of that province. The Com^rs^ of Accounts appointed by Act of Assembly pretended they should be able to charge Col. Fletcher, Mr. Brookes, and others with considerable sums. He hoped they would settle an allowance for the Judge and Attorney-General for that province, pursuant to the Order in Council; public business suffered extremely for want of them; nobody there understood the drawing of an Act of Assembly, and the Courts of Justice were managed at a strange rate. Unless their Lordships quickened the departure of the Judge and Attorney-General from England he must put off the meeting of the General Assembly and adjourn the Superior Court of the province. Dated New York, 2 Jan. 1700–1. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 2. 4. Copies of two Minutes of Council held at Fort William Henry on 28 Dec. 1700 and 2 Jan. 1700, the Earl of Bellomont and others being present, in relation to the salary, &c. of Thomas Weaver, collector and receiver-general of the province of [New York]. 2½ *pages.*

[?About Jan. 10.] 5. Report of Mr. Wm. Borrett, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the several petitions of James Hunter, Samuel Sambatch, Charles Gubbins, and Isaac Edmonds; certifying that James Hunter was the first person that gave information of Edward Lewis being concerned in breaking open the Exchequer, and that the other persons

1700–1. were engaged in apprehending him: in favour of their sharing the reward of 100*l.* offered.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Jan. 1700. Hunter to have his bill of about 11*l.* for charges, and 50li more, to be distributed equally between Hunter, Sambach, Gubbins, & Edmonds, in reward for taking Edw. Lewis, one of the psons that robd ye Excheqr. Wt signed 10 Janry 1700."

Accompanied by 14 other papers relating thereto, including two copies of the London Gazette for 26 Aug. 1700. 18 *pages.*

[About Jan. 10.] 6. Petition of William Munnings, a landwaiter in the port of London, to the Lords of the Treasury, for the removal from himself of the 50*l.* *per ann.* which he had to pay to John Wilcox during his life to the next succeeding landwaiter.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Jan. 1700. Munnings to pay 25li a year, & the youngest landwaiter that now comes in is to pay ye other 25li a year." 1 *page.*

Jan. 11. 7. Letter of Wm. Borrett [Solicitor to the Treasury], to William Lowndes, Esquire, on the cause in Chancery between the Attorney-General and the executors of the Lord Widdrington and others, viz., as to the disposal of a surplus of 220*l.* Dated Clifford's Inn, 11 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"Signifie ye King's pleasure that the overplus be pd to ye trustees for redemption of captives."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 179, 15 Jan. 1700–1, is:—"Desire my Lord Ranelagh to be here on Fryday morning at 10 o'clock. Signify the King's pleasure that what shall appear on hearing the cause against the Lord Widdrington's exrs to exceed what hath satisfyed those concerned in the brief, be paid over to the trustees for redemption of captives." 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 8. "The accompt of the Commissioners for Wine Licences of the produce of that revenue in the quarter from the 29th of September 1700 last past, exclusive, to the 25th of December following, inclusive, together with the several payments thereout within the said quarter." Dated "Wine Lycence Office, 15th January 1700." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 9. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a draft of a warrant for paying over the duty of 5 *per cent.* to the English Company trading to the East Indies, and touching the receipt proposed to be given by the treasurer of the Company to the Receiver-General of the Customs, for sums of money paid on account. Dated 15 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"Insert ye words to charge the Compa, and the same exception in this warrt for charges of managemt, as is in ye act. Wt signed 20th Janry 1700."

Accompanied by the draught and receipt, and a report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General approving of them. Also the copy of an authority to the Receiver-General and Cashier of the Customs to pay to the Company the moneys coming to them for the said duty. 6½ *pages.*

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Jan. 15. 10. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, that they had written to Mr. Breton, the collector of Dover, to order Cornelius Smith, commander of the Dover sloop, to observe such directions for one month as he should receive from Mr. Baker for the King's service. They had lately received a letter from Dover, signed T. W., informing them of the smuggling between England and France. It was now 10 weeks since the vessel was under his orders; and they prayed that she might be ordered back to her station, as the Rye sloop, which was some security, was lately lost on the pier at Dover, so that the whole coast was then ungarded. Another vessel was, however, hastening from Hull to Dover. Dated 15 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"20^th Jan. 1700. Direct M^r Baker to cause this sloop forthw^th to returne to her stacon. Lre signed 20^th Jan^ry 1700." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 11. Report of ye Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Henry Ferne, Receiver-General of the Customs, praying an additional allowance for clerks in consideration of the bonds for the impost on tobacco, committed to his custody; certifying that the work would be voluminous and ought to be performed with great exactness and care, and approving of additional allowance for two clerks. Dated 15 Jan. 1700.

The memorial named.

Minuted:—"Orderd, and 100^l *p ann.* for the two clerks for the impost duty on tobacco. W^t signed 17 Jan^ry 1700." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 12. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the "bond account" of merchants trading in wines, as a matter of importance deserving immediate consideration, and involving so many persons that the commissioners apprehended they might require their Lordships' authority for the recovery of the money and interest thereon; in order to which they proposed that schedules of the same should be made according to a specimen annexed, &c., and for the more regular charging of interest for the time to come and for preventing such great arrears by bonds outstanding, the Com^rs proposed that the bonds brought weekly to the Receiver-General by the collectors should be delivered to him by a schedule to be entered by the Controller-General; they also make some other suggestions as to these bonds. Dated 15 Jan. 1700–1.

Enclosing copy of a previous report of 11 Oct. 1700, on the same subject, including "an acc^t of what has been paid on bonds the 20, 21, & 22 of Jan^ry 1700," and a warrant for order to be taken to sue for bonds and interest.

An account of bonds remaining in the hands of the Receiver-General and Solicitor of the Customs the 25th of December 1700.

Also the specimen schedules referred to.

Minuted:—"Recite ye former order and make a new order according to this report & the former resolutions." 8 *pages.*

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Jan. 15. 13. Letter of the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had been preparing an account for their Lordships of some proceedings as to the Act of Navigation when they received a reference from the Lords Justices upon a memorial presented to His Majesty by the envoy of the States General, which memorial was transmitted to them (the Com^rs) by Mr. Secretary Hedges, with their (the Lords Justices) commands to report the matter to their Excellencies. They then enclosed a copy of their report and of such letters and informations as they had received from the Com^rs of Customs, as the best means of acquainting their Lordships of that transaction; if there is to be any indulgence therein they must have their Lordships' instructions; they also take leave to remind their Lordships as to the quit rents referred to in their letter of 26 Sept. Dated 15 Jan. 1700.

Accompanied by copies of the documents referred to. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 14. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Johnson and Robert Sturdy, assignees of a commission of bankruptcy against Richard Wilson, praying for 1,690*l.* 15*s.*, alleged to be due to Wilson for clothing Col. Fred. Hamilton's regiment of foot, entering on various details and giving reasons why he cannot determine the said claim, it being mixed up with others. Dated 20 Jan. 1700–1.

Minuted:—"Read ult. Jan^y 1700. To be considered when my L^d Ranelagh has made his rep^t on ye peticon of Richmond & Brown."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 21. 15. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain Richard Fitz Patrick, praying to be paid 1,142*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* from the Exchequer in Ireland, which was paid in there for the quit rents of several lands in the counties of Meath, Louth, and Longford, which the petitioner alleged belonged to him by grant of King Charles II. to the Earl of Longford, in trust for Col. Fitz Patrick, to whom Capt. Fitz Patrick was executor. They send for their Lordships' information (1) a certificate from the office of the Deputy Clerk of the Pells; (2) another from the Deputy Receiver-General, showing the sums paid into the Exchequer in Ireland between 3 Oct. 1692 and 8 Nov. 1699 on account of these quit rents; (3) Captain Richard Fitz Patrick's petition; and (4) the original report of the Auditor-General, dated 22 June last, whereby it appeared that the sum in question remained in the Treasury on account of those quit rents. Advising their Lordships to grant him an order to receive the same. Dated 21 Jan. 1700–1.

Minuted:—"A S. M. to be p̄pared."

Again:—"W^t signd." 7½ *pages.*

[About Jan. 21.] 16. Petition of Holcraft Blood, Esq., to the King, showing that he was appointed second engineer of England in Jan. 1695 upon the Office of Ordnance, at 250*l.* *per ann.* and 13*s.* 4*d.* a day travelling charges, and that he was appointed by commission of 1 Oct.

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1696 director and commander-in-chief of the King's company of Engineers, and had had no pay for the same; seeking to be allowed 13*s.* 4*d.* a day from 1 Oct. 1696 to 25 March 1699, when the company "was broke."

Minuted:—"A warrt to be made."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 186, 21 Jan. 1700–1, is:—"Collo Blood's peticon. Ref. to ye Ordnance, and afterwards to the E. of Ranelagh & Mr Blathwayt." 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 21.] 17. Petition, apparently of Mr. Travers, to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking that they would give direction to the Exchequer to pay 3,000*l.* to William Roberts, Esq., for work about the Little Park at Windsor.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. Read 21th Janry 1700. My Lords are to speak with Mr Travers and to pay something towards these debts if money cannot be raised from the lands."

"29 Jan. 1700, 1,500l to be paid to Mr Roberts for ye land bought at Windsor."

There are minutes in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., pp. 196 and 197, to the same effect. ½ *page.*

Jan. 22. 18. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petitions of (1) Thomas Belamy and (2) Stephen Creagh and Michael Fallet, the former setting forth the clandestine and fraudulent trade carried on by a great number of merchants of London, viz., from Bourdeaux, in France, and St. Sebastian's, in Spain, to the port of London, and that at his own charge he sent over a person to Bourdeaux and St. Sebastian to make a perfect discovery thereof, who had exhibited informations against the offenders and brought to trial one of the informations against Michael Fallet and Stephen Creagh, and recovered for the King 480*l.*, on which trial three notorious frauds came out, (1) that French brandies were entered for Spanish; (2) that Creagh and Fallet entered them in their own names and paid English duties only, whereas they were the goods of an alien; and (3) that they entered them upon oath *ad valorem* 30*l.* *per* ton Spanish brandy, and they were afterwards sold for French brandy for upwards of 100*l.* *per* ton. As he apprehended great opposition and personal danger from the merchants (his solicitor being already publicly menaced), he sought protection and compensation for his zeal, and prayed for the King's part of the 480*l.* The latter petition sets forth the entry and payment of the duty on the said brandy and the recovery of the 480*l.* on an information, that the duty was inconsiderable and could not induce them to run the hazard of forfeiture, that they had paid upwards of 6,000*l.* for goods imported, &c.

The report details what had been done by the board to put a stop to the trade referred to, and that the merchants under prosecution made proposals to pay two-thirds of the appraised value, &c. Further, they saw no reason why the first petitioner, who was already entitled to one moiety of the forfeiture recovered against Creagh

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and Fallet, should be recompensed with the King's part of the forfeiture, &c. There was no pretence that the petitioners Creagh and Fallet should be gratified with the remission of the King's part of the forfeiture, since it was evident they incurred *præmunire*. Dated 22 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Jan^ry 1700. My Lords agree with the report."

The petitions and two other papers relating thereto, one of which is "A list of informations exhibited in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer" against the persons named for importing wine as above. 8 *pages*.

Jan. 22. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, certifying that the total quantity of French wine from St. Sebastian and other ports of Spain, hitherto proposed to be compounded for, was 1,959¼ tons and 34 gallons, and of brandy 11,536 gallons, and that the highest appraisements of both together amounted to 92,141*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, whereof two-thirds admitted for the composition was 61,427*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, towards which 28,618*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* had been paid for Custom and Excise, and pressing that the merchants should pay the law charges. Dated 22 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"22 Jan. 1700, admitt the like composic̃ons to be made for the 9 ships, or such of them as ye owners desire to compound for."

There is also a postscript about nine other appraisements.

Accompanied by a paper entitled "The totalls of the fourty-seven appraisements in London and the out-ports." 4 *pages*.

Jan. 22. 20. Queries for legal opinion as to the appropriation for off-reckonings, &c., of 300,000*l.*, granted by Act of Parliament 11 & 12 Will. III., entitled, an Act for granting an aid to His Majesty by sale of forfeited estates in Ireland.

Also three separate opinions thereon, signed:—"Tho. Trevor, W^m Ettricke, & John Hoblyn." Dated 22 Jan. 1700. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 22. 21. Excise Office, London. Presentment about the expiration of the duties on low wines. Dated 22 Jan. 1700–1. ½ *page*.

Jan. 23. 22. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, probably to Mr. Lowndes, desiring that he would remind their Lordships of his just pretensions as to his salary for 1699, for executing the office of Secretary of State. Dated Whitehall, 23 Jan. 1700.

Another letter to the same on the same subject; undated, but earlier, seeking to be heard by their Lordships.

The following entries occur in relation to Mr. Blathwayt's salary in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 27, 25 July 1701:—"Write to M^r Blathwaite that my Lords having confered w^th my Lord Ranelagh (pursuant to the King's com^d) to know whether one year upon his allowance of 1,000*l.* *p annum*, payable out of ye poundage can now be p^d out of that fond, are informed by his Lõp that ye K. allows 12,000*l.* *p ann.* to ye hosp^ll, & ye rem. not being suff^t to pay his Lop^s own sallary w^th ye Excheq^r fees & ye charge of his office,

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there will be no room to place Mr Bl. on that fond, unless His Maty shalbe pleased to give directions to have ye pticulars of ye 12,000l *p ann.* examined & layd before him in order to ye placing of his pencon wthin ye same."

P. 39, 8 Aug. 1701.—"Prepare a S.M. for 1,000li for Mr Blathwaite for one year due at (*sic*) last upon his allowance out of the poundage as 'Secretary at War,' and give notice of this to my Lord Ranelagh to avoid double paymt."

P. 50, 14 Oct. 1701.—"Write a letter for Mr Blathwait 1,000li out of civil list mo when the Ires at ye Excheqr are all satisfied." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 23. An application, signed W. Senior, to William Lowndes, Esq., for a copy of the report on the petition of Mr. Tho. Bellamy (see No. 18, 22 Jan. 1700–1). Dated 24 Jan. 1700–1.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 24. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills, to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them to provide for the 15,000*l.* due to the subscribers to the seventh contract of 500,000*l.* on 28 April then following; giving further their opinion that it would be necessary speedily to set on foot another subscription. Dated 24 Jan. 1700. ½ *page.*

Jan. 25. 25. "An accott of vessells and goods forfeited, with their master's names, for breach of the Acts of Trade in the severall collonies and provinces of Bahama Islands, Bermuda, South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Yorke, New England, together with his Mãties third part ariseing thereupon, and in whose hands." Signed Ed. Randolph, S. G. Dated 25 Jan. 1700. 1 *large page.*

Jan. 27. 26. Memorial of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills, showing that on the last contract (29 April 1700) a subscription of 500,000*l.* at 3 *per cent.* premium was obtained, the subscribers depositing 5 *per cent.* in the Trustees' hands as security for their subscriptions; that the subscribers were uneasy under their subscriptions; the Trustees conceived that if the sum then to be subscribed were increased to 800,000*l.*, a subscription might be obtained for circulating the bills for a year longer at 3 *per cent.* premium, and 5 *per cent.* to be deposited by the subscribers. Dated 27 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"29th Jan. 1700. The K. orders a new contract to be made for subscriptions to circulate Exchequer bills." 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 27. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the compliance with the prayer of the petition of the Lady Jeffreyson, widow and relict of Sir John Jeffreyson, late one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, who sought that her late husband's salary might be continued to her for some time after his death. They also recommend that the salary of the Judge's successor, John Smith, Esq., Serjeant-at-Law, should begin from 1 January instant. Dated 27 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"Not granted to Mrs Jeffreson, but make an order to pay the succeeding judg from the date of his patent." 2½ *pages.*

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Jan. 28. 28. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Grindal, master of the ship "Love's Increase," of Whitehaven, for liberty to discharge and dispose of 4,500 weight of bulk tobacco, then under seizure at Poolton, being imported from Maryland, stating that by Act 10 & 11 Will. III., all tobacco was prohibited to be imported from America, otherwise than in cask, chest, or case of 200 weight at least, under pain of forfeiture, and the tobacco in question having arrived three days after the prohibition, was seized; they would have inclined to admit the cargo to entry as the ship was delayed by advice of the Governor of Maryland on account of the seas being infested with pirates; but as the forfeitures were appropriated, and this was the first instance under this Act, they laid it before their Lordships, lest it should be drawn into a precedent. Dated 28 Jan. 1700.

Also the petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"Admitt to an entry, giving satisfaction to the officer. W^t signed 7^th Feb^ry 1700." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 28. 29. Letter signed M. Kirke, addressed to the Right Hon. the Lord Godolphin; the torment of her creditors forced her to make her complaint. She had received nothing for a year and a quarter, though she had a patent for 500*l.* a year, but since the revolution, had been paid but at the rate of 250*l.*, and 660*l.* were due to her, this being her whole dependance, and bought for a valuable consideration.

On the dorse is a report on this case, showing what had been paid since 1688 to Mrs. Kirke. The consideration above referred to was supposed to be a patent from King Charles II. for 500*l. per ann.* to her after her husband's decease out of the honor of Grafton, but the honor was granted away without any saving for that pension. There is a memorandum that the King paid 100*l. per ann.* for the rent of the house in which Mrs. Kirke lived, to the Lady Mary Kirke. Dated 28 Jan. 1700–1.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 290, 11 June 1701, is a memorandum that letters were read and approved for payments to various persons, amongst whom :—"Lady Kirk, 100^l." 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 29. 30. Report, signed Jo. Taylor, on the account of Mr. Richard Marshall, of moneys by him received and paid, as well for his journey and voyage to and from Barbary, as for horses by him bought there for the King's use, and the charges relating thereto. The 792*l.* 9*s.* 3½*d.* supplied by Mr. Aylmer by order from Mr. Secretary Vernon agreed with what Mr. Aylmer had charged and had been repaid by the master of the horse to Mr. Aylmer. As to some articles in the account, he thought they should be referred to the master of the horse. Dated 29 Jan. 1700.

Minuted:—"Send these papers to y^e mast^r of y^e horse." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 31. Representation of the Com^rs for stating, adjusting, and clearing the old debts for sick and wounded seamen, and exchange of prisoners of war, as to the passing their accounts. They state that on receiving

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their commission in 1689 they were sent for by the Lords of the Admiralty, and told that those who were on their station in the Dutch war had been so unkind to the subject and chargeable to the kingdom that they were not to follow their example, but to see the sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war well cared for, to keep exact accounts of moneys issued to the receiver, to disburse in the most "husbandly" manner, and in all things to act as their judgments and the necessity of the service should require. Dated 29 Jan. 1700–1. 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 29.] 32. Memorial of Richard Povey, receiver for the sick and wounded seamen, to the Lords of the Treasury, about taking up his imprest bills.

Minuted:—"Speak w^th^ the Com^rs^ of y^e^ Navy concerning this on Wednesday, 29^th^ Jan. 1700." 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 33. "Navy Office. An estimate of the debt of His Majesty's Navy on the heads hereafter mentioned, as it stood on the 31st of December 1700." Dated 31 Jan. 1700.

Signed. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 34. Memorial of the Trustees for circulating Exchequer bills, to the Lords of the Treasury, submitting a method for taking subscriptions to the eighth contract, being the same which was approved by their Lordships on the last contract. The chief points were that no one should be admitted to have above 5,000*l.*, and that they must pay down 5 *per cent.* as security. Dated 31 Jan. 1700. ½ *page.*

Jan. 31. 35. Letter from Col. Christopher Codrington ? to Mr. Lowndes, stating that he had obeyed their Lordships' commands upon his arrival there; the Governor and two of the council in each island mustered the several companies of Col. Foxe's regiment upon oath, and they were all complete to a man; there were a great number of supernumerary men of Col. Holt's regiment to fill up vacancies. He had mustered Col. Norton's independent company, and found about 25 miserable old decrepid fellows in rags, not able to stand under their arms; several had served nearly 30 years. Col. Norton had mustered several of his own servants, and other people who did no duty. He desired that their Lordships would send a copy of his (Col. Norton's) last muster rolls, and then he would give a more particular account of his frauds. He had reason to believe there was a vast difference between the rolls he sent home and the true state of his company. He had been forced to suspend Col. Norton from his government, for the many great crimes he had been guilty of. He had also taken the company from him and had given it to Col. Eldrington until he knew the King's pleasure, because, being commissary, he hoped he would fill it up out of Col. Foxe's regiment, and he had already persuaded several of the disbanded soldiers to list under him. If the company was to be kept up there was a necessity to make speedy provision for it, the

1700–1. poor fellows having been long in a most miserable condition, but most of the men were too old to serve at all. Dated Antigua, Jan. 31.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye K. Read 7th May 1701. My Lords are to speak with Mr Blathwayte about this." 2½ *pages.*

[? About Jan. 31.] 36. Petition of Thomas Doleman, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the grant of patent for his life instead of that of John Cox, as customer and collector of the port of Newcastle.

Minuted:—"Read ult. Janrii 1700. Receive the King's pleasure upon this." *Again*:—"Granted."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 219, 27 Feb. 1700–1, is:—"Thos Doleman's petn to have his owne life in the patent for customer of New Castle, instead of the life of John Cocks, wch is in trust for him. Granted." 1 *page.*

Feb. 1. 37. "A list of foreited bonds of 1,000li which Mr Markham, ye Govr of the province of Pensilvania, refused to deliver me that I might prosecute them."

Humbly presented by Ed. Randolph, S. G. Dated 1 Feb. 1700. 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 38. "The names of several Governors who have wittingly and willingly broak the acts of trade, and have thereby forfeited to His Majst 1,000*l.*, as by evidence '*vivo vote*' and attested vouchers I can make appear."

Humbly submitted by Ed. Randolphe, S.G.

Dated 3 Feb. 1700.

The Governors referred to are of Bermuda, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

Minuted:—"7 Feby 1700. To be read when ye Commrs of ye Customes attend their Lopps." 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 39. "An accot of money due to His May for the 1/3 of seisures and forfeited vessells and goods detained by them, as by sufficient attested vouchers I am ready to make appeare."

Humbly submitted by Ed. Randolph, S.G.

Dated 3 Feb. 1700.

Viz., in South Carolina and Pennsylvania. 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 3. 40. Report of the Comrs for Victualling His Majesty's Navy and the Comrs for Transports, on the petition of Abraham Elton and others, merchants of Bristol, owners of the ship "George," as to the payment for the hire of the said vessel which was hired by the Comrs of Transportation at 107*l.* 14*s.* *per* month, and assigned over to the Comrs of Victualling. Dated 3 Feb. 1700.

Minuted:—"My Lords are of opinion that the victrs ought to pay freight only for ye time their provisions were aboard, and that ye Comrs of Transport should settle the accot accordingly."

Also the petition, a charter-party, and an affidavit. 5 *pages.*

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Feb. 6. 41. Memorial of the Subaltern Officers of the late second Marine Regiment to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had received no pay or subsistence since 16 Feb. 1696–7, and their creditors were out of patience with them, threatening them with imprisonment: praying that their subsistence amounting to 2,739*l.* might be ordered.

Also a copy of a letter from Sir Cloudesley Shovell corroborating the memorial, and in addition stating that their case was still the harder, as they had received nearly 40*l.* a man less than the lieutenants of the other Marine regiment commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen. Dated 6 Feb. 1700–1.

Minuted:—"Write to Mr Dodington to attend on Wednesday next wth the accts of the Marine Regts.

"8 Aug. 1701. My Lords will consider this as soon as the acct comes. Write to the Navy Board forthwth to send ye accot." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 42. The original letter of Sir Cloudesley Shovell, of which the one described in the last entry is a copy. Dated 6 Feb. 1700–1.

Minuted:—"21 Feb. 1700. To be read when ye Comrs of ye Navy are here." And *again*, "Read 7 Mar. 1700." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 43. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Godden; certifying that the petitioner was concerned in the exportation of wool, that he was prosecuted and convicted, and that there was a judgment against him for 225*l.*, but that he was very young and drawn in by a gang of old expert owlers, then in confederacy in the Marsh, but since dispersed; and that he was utterly unable to pay the judgment: recommending him to their Lordships' clemency. Dated 13 Feb. 1700.

Also the petition.

At the back is an epitome of the above, ending with "the petr is dead." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 14. 44. The opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor-General (Tho. Trevor and Jo. Hawles) for the guidance of the Lords of the Treasury, on a demand made by Mr. Williamson at the Tally Court, through Mr. Le Neve, one of the Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer, for an annuity of 60*l.* and 30*l.* in addition, viz., as to the taking the same out of the hereditary excise. Dated 14 Feb. 1700.

The reply Mr. Le Neve should make to Mr. Williamson, on the same subject.

Also extract from the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 181, 17 Jan. 1700, as to these demands, and the order referring the matter to the Attorney and Solicitor-General. 5½ *pages.*

Feb. 17. 45. A letter signed Steph. Elliott, to the principal officers and Comrs of the Navy, stating that His Majesty in the year 1694 had ordered him 500*l.* as a reward, of which 250*l.* had been ordered by

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It was referred to Mr. Johnson to examine what had been done, and he certified that he had searched the Controller's books from 1694, and there was no bill numbered or made out to Capt. Stephen Ellyott for this service. 1 *page.*

Feb. 18. 46. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain John Bickly, praying that a stop upon his half pay on account of respits might be taken off; stating that the respits charged on the captain exceeded the arrears due to him, &c.; the petitioner alleged that the respits were occasioned by great desertions which he could not prevent, particularly of 30 men at a time in 1696; he had no other dependence than his half pay and had lost his leg at Steinkirk. Dated 18 Feb. 1700.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"30 July 1701. He is not within the rules prescribed by the K. for taking off ye respits." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 47. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain bonds and entries of Mr. George Luke Burrish and others of merchandize for India, which their Lordships had received in a letter from Sir Charles Hedges, Knt., principal Secretary of State, intimating that they had scrupled to pass the same by reason of 440 pieces of iron ordnance therein mentioned: certifying that they saw nothing to object in relation to the rest of the cargo of the ship; that security had been taken that she should not sail beyond the Downs without further order, and that she might proceed on her voyage when the King's pleasure was known. Dated 19 Feb. 1700.

Also a memorandum as to the said ordnance.

W^t^ signed 19 Feb^ry^ 1700–1. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 20. 48. Order in Council to refer the petition of Mary Norridge to the Lords of the Treasury, to consider it as they should "see cause for her relief and support." Dated 20 Feb. 1700–1.

The petition referred to, which states that the petitioner was the daughter of Thomas Duncan, who was Lieut.-Col. of Horse to King Charles I., and exhausted an estate to the value of above 10,000*l.* in raising and furnishing a troop of horse, never receiving any pay during the whole war, and was also a great sufferer by wounds and imprisonment, that he was employed by the King in several dangerous messages of great consequence, whilst the King lay at York, to the frequent hazard of his life, especially in a desperate message when he ventured into Hull and scattered 24 declarations after Sir John Hotham had shut the gates against the King, and His Majesty, having a particular kindness for the petitioner's father, was loth to let him run such a desperate hazard of his life, but he being zealous to serve the King, disguised himself in the form and habit of an old blind decrepid woman, and was led by another person and so escaped suspicion. When

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he came back from his desperate undertaking, he met the King in the garden at York, and His Majesty embraced him with joy and gave a particular charge to the late Earl of Lindsey, that if he (the King) should die, he should see that her father was provided for, and if he lived he would see him rewarded himself; all which is certified by William, late Marquis of Newcastle, the late Earls of Lindsey and Mansfield, the then Richard, Lord Byron, Sir Philip Monckton, Sir Edward Turner, Sir John Goodrick, Sir Henry Kynes, Sir George Gore, and Sir Jordan Crossland. King Charles the Second had promised her father anything in his gift, as appeared by the King's grant and other certificates annexed; but he died unrequited, and she had reaped no benefit from the King's good intention, not having received a penny of bounty, her father having been dead near 20 years.

The petitioner was descended from the Duncans of Scotland by her father, and by her mother from "the Lord Viscount Loftis of Ely's family," who was Lord Chancellor of Ireland, High Justice of the kingdom and one of the Council. Their dwelling in England was formerly Middleham Castle in Yorkshire, but the petitioner by these losses was exposed in the world to get her livelihood. The Lord "Lisbon," who was killed in the King's service in Ireland (being the petitioner's relation), spoke to the Duke of Bolton to move the King for a yearly pension for her life on His Majesty's accession, but was advised to defer it until the wars were ended. The petitioner had a sister to be provided for out of what should be settled on her: praying the use of the 10,000*l.* above mentioned for the lives of herself and sister, and for bounty to discharge several debts that lay hard on her, and for their support until a pension should be settled.

Minuted:—"Read 7th March 1700. My Lords cānot advise the doing any thing upon this peticon."

Accompanied by the certificates of the Marquis of Newcastle and the other persons named above. That by the Earl of Lindsey states, that Lieut.-Col. Thomas Duncan was farmer of the ferry boats of Barton-upon-Humber in 1642, and that he (the Earl) with many others under his command were in Barton when his (the Lieut.-Col.'s) boats and men, with many other passengers going over to Hessell, were carried prisoners to Hull, and that Col. Duncan was employed by the King's special command in several messages and services of great consequence and trust whilst His Majesty was at York, all which he faithfully performed at Hull, Boston, and elsewhere; he also gave His Majesty two men and horses for Edge Hill, which were delivered to Capt. Francis Bartue, and were in his troop at Nottingham, &c.

There is also the copy of a report on his services, dated 23 Dec. 1662, which, in addition to corroborating what is above stated, says, that presently after the death of Col. Geo. Heron, he raised and mustered 72 horsemen and arms under the command of Col. Francis Steward in the first war, and that he gave intelligence

to Pomfret Castle, in Governor Morice's time, by the name of John Jones, and that he raised several men and horse at the second rising or war, and was there shot, wounded, imprisoned, and sold as a banished man. In the first war he rose to be Major at Bowden Hill fight in the North, and to be Lieut.-Colonel of horse to Col. Francis Vaughan after Col. Steward was dead; that he charged at York fight as Lieut.-Colonel, and afterwards engaged at Mawpas in Lancashire, where he was shot in the head, and for want of time to recruit as other colonels had, he was denied of his honour, purchased at so dear a rate, which he craved he might enjoy as confirmed to him by the Marquis of Newcastle; they also state that he had lost a considerable estate, &c.

There is further the copy of the minute of 28 Feb. 1664, viz., "that if the pet^{r} can find out any thing in His Ma^{tes} guift fit for the pet^{r} and not already disposed, His Ma^{tie} will therein remember the pet^{r} for his services & sufferings." 11 *pages.*

[About Feb. 21.] 49. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had discoursed with Mr. Josiah Crosse, who had been recommended by their Lordships as a collector of Excise in the county of Nottingham, and they found that he had never been concerned in any branch of the revenue, and had no knowledge of the Excise laws, and their opinion was that it would prejudice the King's service to employ persons so unqualified.

Also a letter to Mr. Lowndes, transmitting the above.

Minuted:—"21 Feb. 1700. Write to ye Com^{rs} of Excise that my L^{ds}, upon consideracõn of this mem^{l}, do not insist upon their Lõps former recomendacõn of M^{r} Cross." 2 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 21.] 50. Papers relating to the affairs of Susannah, widow of the late Sir William Parkins; consisting of an account of Sir William's estate; the case of the Lady Parkins in reference to Mr. Arundell's petition, drawn up by her son, 16 Dec. 1700; the petition of Francis Arundell, Esq.; two reports of Mr. Henry Baker;* and a duplicate account of the estate. Another report, signed by several persons, recommending the said Lady to their Lordships' charitable compassion; and her memorial, referring to a former petition, wherein she sought for the remainder of her late husband's estate, for the payment of his debts, and support of herself and children. In this memorial she seeks for the continuance of their bounty.

The lands were at Bushy in Hertfordshire, in Bulkinton and Woolvey in Warwickshire, and a reversion of some lands in Warwickshire, Leicestershire, and Coventry, and they were encumbered.

Minuted:—"21 Feb^{y} 1700. A report to be made."

Some of these papers had been considered in May and June 1697, but one or two are as late as Feb. 1700–1. [See also Vol. LXVIII., No. 60.] 10 *pages.*

* *One of these is minuted thus:*—"Read 5 May '97. The Com^{on} of Enquiry to be issued & executed, and then the widd. & children to be relieved."

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Feb. 22. 51. Report, signed J. Taylour, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the bill of Captain Munden, transmitted to Mr. Secretary Vernon, that their Lordships might give directions for payment thereof; the bill amounted to 75*l.*, for money alleged to have been given to persons when he, Capt. Munden, was commanded to Tetuan with the King's advice and desire to the Emperor of Morocco to raise the siege of Ceuta; and when ordered there again to lengthen the truce; as also when commanded to Algiers to treat with the Dey about lengthening the time limited for giving passes. Acquittances were not produced, and it was not reasonable to expect them for expenses of that nature; but the Captain might be required to make oath, &c. He offered it to their Lordships whether bills of that kind for small expenses of State by the King's particular direction, signified by one of the principal secretaries, ought not to be defrayed by the secretaries out of secret service moneys, or, at least, that they should examine the bills and sign and allow them by the King's order. Dated 22 Feb. 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 219, 27 Feb 1700–1, is :—"Capt. Munden's bill of disbursem^{ts} for His Ma^{ts} service in the Streights read, and ordered to be paid."

Again at p. 260, 29 April 1701. "836. 16. 7. to Capt. Munden el al (prout ye letter) to be issued." 1 *page.*

Feb. 23 and 24. 52. Report of T. Done, Auditor of Imprests, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what progress the Treasurers at War and the Navy had made in their accounts before him since the date of his last certificate of 24 Sept. last. Dated 23 Feb. 1700.

Another report of Francis Bythell, the deputy of Brook Bridges, Esq., Auditor [of Imprests], on the same subject. Dated 24 Feb. 1700.

The accounts to which they related were those of the Earl of Orford, late Treasurer of the Navy, the Earl of Ranelagh, Charles Fox, Esq., and Thomas Coningsby, paymaster of the Irish forces.

Accompanying these are also :—

(1.) An Order of the House of Commons for an account of the proceedings of the Treasury in relation to these accounts, to be laid before them.

(2.) A letter of Mr. Lowndes to the Auditors of Imprests to send by the next Monday morning the state of the treasurer's accounts.

(3.) "Orders and directions given by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, with relation to the accounts of the Treasurer of the War and Treasurer of the Navy, and what proceedings have been thereupon." 12 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 53. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of the Com^{rs} of Customs, sent to them by their Lordships, complaining that they (the Com^{rs} of Excise) had not rewarded certain officers according to the nature of their services. The report relates more particularly to a case of "running" salt near Fowey, and they advise that if the Com^{rs} of Customs had been

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mistaken in their proceedings they ought to pay the damages. Further, in the case of brandy, several quantities had been seized upon the coast of Kent and Sussex by the officers of the Customs, and condemned in the Exchequer, and the brandy sold without any duty of Excise. The Com^rs of Customs might as reasonably apply for a reward upon seizures of brandy wherein their officers were not successful, as in the case of the salt. As to the case of Matthew Paine, mentioned in the memorial, whenever any of their officers employed persons on board ships to prevent frauds, &c., they charged it in the bills of incidents, and when sworn to, the charge was allowed. They had received no account from their officers that Paine was put on board by them, and he was besides employed to take care of tobacco, &c.; and they thought they ought to bear no share of the charge.

In the case of William Denne, mentioned in the memorial, they say that he transcribed an account of salt exported, and if they had thought the Com^rs of Customs expected it, they would have given him a gratuity; but they had presumed he was "an officer in salary." Their Lordships would judge what occasion there was for a representation in that particular. Mr. Denne could not merit more than 40*s.* from their board. Dated 25 Feb. 1700. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to Mr. Ireton, collector of Excise, dismissed for irregularities in the discharge of his duties. Dated 25 Feb. 1700.

Minuted:—"25 Feb. 1700. My Lords approve what y^e Com^rs have done." 1 *page.*

Feb. 25. 55. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the officers and clerks of the Tally Court, finding that the petitioners had tried and marked 823 quart pots and 823 pint pots, and had filled up 823 pairs of indentures for those measures, and that the fees would have amounted to 1,248*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*: and the deputy chamberlain and his servant had been at considerable trouble about the same, and deserved some recompense; but that by the Act of the last sessions the chamberlains of the Exchequer were directed to seal and certify these measures without fee or reward. Dated 25 Feb. 1700.

Minuted:—"To be allowd 40^li."

Also the petition, and four other papers in relation thereto. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 26. 56. An Order in Council, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment, by way of imprest, to 8,000 seafaring men for manning the fleet, to the effect that the collectors of Customs should pay to the Vice-admirals the sums amounting to 4,050*l.* (as appears in a schedule), with powers to the Com^rs of the Admiralty to renew their order for further sums if necessary. The King had also given directions to the Lords Lieutenants and *Custodes Rotulorum* of the inland counties to cause all seamen and watermen to be impressed

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and sent from sheriff to sheriff towards the sea coast, to be delivered to the vice-admirals for the fleet, and to allow 12*d.* to each man for imprest money, and 6*d.* a man a day to maintain him till a sufficient number were collected, and afterwards 8*d.* a day when marching for embarkation. The Lords of the Treasury were to give directions to the officers of the Excise to supply the Lords Lieutenant and *Custodes Rotulorum* with the requisite money. The Lords of the Treasury should also signify to the Com^rs^ of Customs to direct the officers of Customs to make exact lists of all seamen and seafaring men belonging to the ports, &c., and transmit them to the Lords of the Admiralty. Dated 26 Feb. 1700.

Also the list of the Lords Lieutenants and *Custodes Rotulorum.* 4 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 27.] 57. Memorial of Dr. Wallis to His Majesty, showing that more than two years before, Lord Somers signified the King's pleasure that Dr. Wallis should instruct his grandson in the art of deciphering, and that he would allow 100*l. per ann.* to the teacher and learner. The young man had made such good progress that he had deciphered one of the best English ciphers and a very good French one; but upon search there was no minute for the payment.

Minuted:—"See from w^t^ time D^r^ Hide's payment was settled, for this is to commence from that time."

"The allowances to Dr. Hyde for instructing youths in the Arabick and Turkish languages do commence from 25^th^ March 1699."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 220, 27 Feb. 1700, is an entry to the same effect. ¾ *page.*

Feb. 27. 58. Memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury. They daily expected an order to provide for 10,000 men for 13 months; beef and pork could not be procured but with ready money, and great quantities would be required; they were almost 17 months in arrear, &c. Lady Day was near, and Sir Tho. Draper would expect the Hartshorn Brewhouse to be delivered up to him if not agreed for before, and to be without it now there was likely to be a considerable action coming on, might be greatly prejudicial. Dated 27 Feb. 1700.

In regard to the Hartshorn Brewhouse, there is the following in the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 30, 29 July 1701:—"Lett the conveiances of the Hartshorne Brewhouse be executed, & ye 5,000^l^ be paid to M^r^ Hallet, y^e^ goldsmith, & the inter. since Xmas last in lieu of the rent." 1 *page, much injured.*

Feb. 27. 59. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joan Hollingshead, as to the omission of the lease of a bakehouse in Macclesfield. He found that soon after the Restoration the Lord Treasurer Southampton, by advice of the barons and other officers of the Exchequer, reserved on every lease a moiety of the improved value of the thing demised; which increase of rent was charged that the land revenue might bring in somewhat more yearly than the small old reserved rents to the

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Crown, his Lordship apprehending that at that time, there would be so many suitors to His then Majesty (that had suffered with him) that the fines would be generally begged and given away. Afterwards (a moiety being found very burthensome) they were reduced to a third part, after that to a fourth; and in May 1669 an Order of Council was obtained on the petition of the tenants of the Duchy of Cornwall for discharging them quite, and accordingly most of them were bought off and extinguished, by the determination of the leases whereon they were reserved. The rent of 40*s.* reserved by way of increase on this bakehouse in 1661 was discharged on a new lease in 1672, and if their Lordships raised the like new rent again, he conceived their Lordships intended it as a general rule for setting increased rents on leases for the future.

The greatest number of leases were in the Duchy of Cornwall, the tenants whereof, by the former Acts of Parliament for enabling the Crown to make leases there, had "leave to purchase off such increased rents," and it might be presumed the bill then ordered to be brought into Parliament would be in the same words. Dated 27 Feb. 1700.

Also the petition, which is *minuted:*—"29 Ap. 1701. My Lords do not think fitt to reduce the increased rent." 2 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 28.] 60. Petition of Francis Hollinshead to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his father had faithfully served Kings Charles I. and Charles II. in the civil wars and those of the Low Country, that he was collector of hearth tax for Lancashire and receiver-general of 18 months' assessment in Staffordshire, and caused the petitioner to be named receiver-general of the same tax for Cheshire (he then being a minor and a student at Oxford, and his father managing the receipt), and by the sudden death of his father was defrauded by his deputies, so that there was due to the King near 4,000*l.*, which sum by sale of his lands was paid into the Exchequer. He was afterwards drawn in by his guardian, Edw. Hollinshead, to be surety for Ralph Hollinshead, receiver of an assessment in Cheshire, who was in arrear and in the Fleet for 2,000*l.* Edward Hollinshead, chiefly to get the petitioner discharged, offered to give 500*l.* for the discharge of the arrear, which offer was accepted; but their Lordships would not make the order absolute. He was informed that the arrear was entered on the Exchequer books as lost; but one Mr. Heath, a servant to Edw. Hollinshead, having a prejudice against the petitioner, had then begged the arrear. Praying stay of process during petitioner's life.

Minuted:—"28th Feb. 1701. Mr. Taylour to lay before my Lords a state of this matter."

Then follows what appears to be Mr. Taylor's account of it, and lower down the following *minute:*—"Read 26 Mar. 1700–1. My Lords do not find ye debt was discharged, it is given to pious uses, and my Lords can do nothing upon this petition." 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 61. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Boddington and partners, praying that what was

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due to them for clothing the first regiment of foot guards in 1698 and 1699 might be paid out of the off-reckonings for 1700, and on the petition of Robert Graham, praying that the off-reckonings might be paid to him; setting forth what the demands of the parties were. Dated 28 Feb. 1700–1.

Minuted:—"11 March 1700. My Lords will hear this matter by counsel this day senight in the morning at 9 of ye clock, provided the partys will first agree to acquiesce in their Lop^s^ determinacon. If they do agree, give notice to the E. of Ranelagh, M^r^ Attor., & M^r^ Soll^r^ to attend."

Accompanied by (1) the copy of this minute, transmitted to Mr. Boddington and Mr. Graham, with a memorandum from them that they were willing to submit to their Lordships' determination; (2) the petition of James Boddington and partners; (3) certain clauses in Acts of Parliament submitted for legal opinion, with the opinions thereon; (4) the petition of Robert "Grahame;" (5) other legal opinions on the same off-reckonings.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 241, 28 March 1701, is:—"M^r^ Attorney comes in & M^r^ Soll^r^. My Lords do determine that the off-reckonings of the year 1700 be applyed according to the course of ye pay office for paym^t^ of ye cloathing first served, and that this rule do determine ye case betweene M^r^ Bodington & M^r^ Grahme, w^ch^ they submitted to their Lop^s^." 8 *pages*.

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March 1. 1. Report of the Com^rs^ of Alienation to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of the judges and serjeants residing in Serjeants Inn, Fleet Street, desiring their Lordships' leave to have the keys to the garden belonging to the Alienation Office. They say that since the building the office and enclosing the garden with a brick wall, they had never heard of any key granted by the Lord Treasurer or Com^rs^ of the Treasury to any of the judges or serjeants residing in the inn. The door in the brick wall had been constantly bolted for 20 years. Charles Boyle, Esq., the receiver-general of compositions for alienations, desired them to represent the danger the King's money would be exposed to, by permitting frequent access to the office and to the window of that chamber, where the revenue was kept. In 1679 leave was given to the Hon. Heneage Finch, Esq., then Solicitor-General, to make a door out of his lodgings in the Temple into the Alienation Office garden, and another door adjoining Mr. Finch's had been made into the garden without leave. They objected to leave being granted, as the servants, by having their masters' keys, could let in whom they pleased. Dated 1 March 1700.

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Minuted:—"11 March 1700. Mr Glanville is to inform my Lords who hath the other dore, & how it was opened."

Also the report of Mr. William Glanville, finding that the door was made out of the chambers of Charles Osborne, Esq., of the Inner Temple, by a warrant of 9 Aug. 1678, of the then Lord Treasurer.

The memorial referred to is enclosed. 2 *pages.*

March 3. 2. Letter from the Comrs of Victualling to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a state of the case why they refused to accept and pay two bills of exchange drawn on them from Cadiz by Mr. Thomas Harvey, their agent. Dated 3 March 1700.

The paper referred to is not with it. See also No. 22. 1 *page.*

March 4. 3. Presentment of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the duty on small ale, the same having been reported on to them by the general and particular surveyors of the London Brewery. Dated 4 March 1700. 2 *pages.*

March 4. 4. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Marriot, Edward Browne, gent., and others, praying for the renewal of the grant of the office of gauger of wines and other liquors in the several ports; stating that they had perused the statutes relating to gauging, which were very ancient, none being later than the reign of Hen. VIII., and the design of them was to prevent the subjects being defrauded by casks of less size than they ought to be; but the danger was then otherwise in relation to the revenue, as the casks were increased in size since the increase in duties, to the prejudice of the revenue, which was the point then in dispute, between the King and the wine merchants; there had been a controversy concerning the standard of wine measure, and there had been a trial, and by the opinion of the court a juror was withdrawn, and so the point was left undetermined, supposing the liquid and dry measure to be the same; but by searching the ancient records of the Exchequer, &c., they found that the liquid and dry measure were not the same, having experienced that a vessel containing so much wheat as the law allowed to be a wine gallon, viz., 8li Troy weight, was equal to the gallon standard pott now kept in Guildhall, London, but a corn gallon contained 9li Troy, the wine gallon pot was found to contain only 224 cubical inches, and not 231 as was generally supposed, and the gauge practiced accordingly: they thought it reasonable that the ancient laws concerning wine measures should be reviewed, to have the point, which was of great moment to the revenue, revived, and settled by Act of Parliament, and until that was done, it would not be an advantage to the Crown (except the reserved rent of 12*l. per ann.*, which was very inconsiderable), to grant the office as desired. Dated 4 March 1700

Minuted:—"Read 4th Mar. 1700."

Also the petition, which states that King Charles II. on the 18th of Aug., in the 15th year of his reign, granted the office for 31 years to William Carlos and others, at a rent of 12*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 2 *pages.*

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March 5. 5. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Benjamin Overton, Esq., concerning certain small sums imprested out of the Exchequer, as well to him as his clerk, Mr. Macy, for defraying the charges of prosecuting clippers and coiners, of which sums they desired to be discharged without the expense of a formal account in the Exchequer; in favour of the same. Dated 5 March 1700–1.

The memorial and the two accounts.

Minuted:—"Agreed. W^t signed 18 March 1700." 4 *pages.*

[? About March 5.] 6. Petition of William Atwood, Esq., appointed Chief Justice, and Sampson Shelton Broughton, Esq., Attorney-General for the province of New York in America, seeking that an allowance for charges of their voyage, which had been submitted to their Lordships by the Com^rs of Trade, together with a memorial from themselves, might be favourably considered.

Minuted:—"5 March 1700. They are to have ½ a year on their sallarys advanced, giving an assignment of the first ½ year's sallary growing due to them, to repay the King when it becomes due." 1 *page.*

March 6. 7. Copy of a letter from four of the Council of New York to Mr. Secretary Vernon, stating that his Excellency the Earl of Bellomont had died at 6 o'clock on the previous morning, and the Lieut.-Governor, Capt. Nanfan, being absent at Barbadoes, the administration had fallen on them; although under the greatest consternation by the blow, yet they sent some account of the public affairs. They were left in a most deplorable condition, for there was no money in the public treasury, nor any money for subsistence of the forces, the Earl not having left sufficient for the support of his family and payment of his funeral, having expended considerable sums for a ship and ship timber sent home to the Lords of the Admiralty, and several hundred pounds for masts for the navy, from his private purse, &c., otherwise he could not have given that specimen of his great design of saving the nation many thousand pounds *per ann.* in ship timber and masts. They should do their best until the Assembly met, which would be in a month. They prayed that Mr. Champante, agent for this province and for the forces, might be obliged to return with all speed the money received by him for subsistence, for they could not draw bills on him lest, being attorney to the Earl of Bellomont, he might not accept them, and they would be returned protested, but they desired he might be continued by their Lordships. The other three of the Council were 70 and 150 miles distant. They had made several minutes of Council, and published a proclamation to confirm all officers, and had used their best endeavours to support the forces at Albany; they should use their utmost endeavours to keep the province in peace, and hoped the succeeding chief Governor might have the same honourable principles and zeal for His Majesty's interest and the good of the inhabitants of this province with the late Earl (whose death they could never enough bewail), otherwise

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the great designs so successfully begun, to unite His Majesty's subjects, to supply the navy of England with masts, timber, &c., and to people the province, would entirely fall; they hoped he would intercede with His Majesty in relation to their next Governor; they had not an opportunity to write fully, nor to the Council of Trade, for the ship was gone, and they sent this after her by boat. Dated New York, 6 March 1700. 2½ *pages.*

March 7. 8. Memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had received 10,100*l.* out of 12,000*l.* in Exchequer bills, which they could not turn into money under 3 *per cent.* discount, and the graziers and hogmen refused to take the same in payment; praying directions to be given thereon, and for such further money as would enable them to buy up as much flesh meat as the season would permit. Dated 7 March 1700. 1 *page.*

March 7. 9. Letter signed "W. Popple," to William Lowndes, Esq., sending an extract from the Earl of Bellomont's letter to the [Board of Trade] of 28 November last, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting their Lordships that it was the opinion of the Board that Mr. Weaver's salary as collector of the province of New York during his stay in England ought not to be allowed in his account, "the rather because not only the Earl of Bellomont but my Lords of this Comm^on^ did also frequently admonish him to repair thither, and an example of such an allowance would be an encouragement to neglects of that kind;" their Lordships further offer their opinion, that the profits of his place be suspended till the King or the Earl of Bellomont be reimbursed the money he had taken up. Dated 7 March 1700–1. 1½ *pages.*

March 12. 10. Memoral of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury; they had notice of an additional declaration for 10,000 more men for 13 months, which would require quantities of flesh to be provided forthwith, the season of the year being so far advanced; they would require at least 5,000*l.* weekly, as those species could only be bought for ready money; they had orders to victual immediately a considerable number of ships, the course was now 17 months in arrear; those who formerly dealt with the office would not give further credit, and extravagant demands were made by such as made any offer. They had already represented that they had received orders to send provisions for 61 soldiers for 13 months to Newfoundland, which would cost 699*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* Another order they had received for provisions for 41 soldiers more for 13 months; this they computed would cost 469*l.* 9*s.*; praying assignments of money to be made, &c. Dated 12 March 1700. 1 *page.*

[? About March 12.] 11*a.* Memorial of Henry Lowman, housekeeper and wardrobe keeper of Kensington, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was due to Simon Brienne.

Minuted:—"Read to ye K. 12^th^ Mar. 1700–1. To have 150^l^ *per ann.* in lieu of bills from Midsummer 1699." 1 *page.*

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[? About March 12.] 11*b*. Proposal of Mr. Edward Corker to the Lords of the Treasury, to be employed in obtaining the arrears of the private estate in Ireland belonging to the late King James, when Duke of York; which were due before the estate was granted away (in May 1693), as the petitioner held a warrant for 800*l*. out of those arrears, and never received any of it.

United is a memorandum, that on perusal of the warrants for passing the estate, it did not appear there were any arrears before it was granted to Henry Guy; but in April 1694 there was a warrant for levying those arrears, and for 800*l*. to be paid to the petitioner, and the rest to Richard Topham, Esq., trustee of the Countess of Orkney.

Minuted:—"See whether these arrears are in the Countess of Orkney's grants, or any of them."

Undated. In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 231, 12 March 1700–1, there is the following, which probably relates to it, viz.:—"Edward Corker. Referr to Lords Justices of Ireland to state y^e^ case and make report." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

March 13. 12. Letter of Mr. Wm. Popple to W. Lowndes, Esq., sending a memorial from [Mr. Thurston], the agent for the company of soldiers at Newfoundland, by desire of the Com^rs^ for Trade and Plantations, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 13 March 1700–1.

Also the memorial, which asks for clothing to be sent by the convoy about to sail. 2 *parts of pages* (*quarto*).

March 17. 13. Certificate, signed Wm. Grymes, as to the grant of the office of paymaster of the band of pensioners as appeared by the records at the Rolls Chapel. Dated 17 March 1700. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 17. 14. Letter from Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, desiring orders to the collector of Lynn to pay conduct money to the persons bringing seamen to that port. Sir Cloudesley Shovell had received orders to send a tender thither to receive them. Dated Admiralty Office, 17 March 1700–1. 1 *page*.

March 18. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the answers of the searchers to what was proposed for regulating the searcher's office, stating that if the ease and accommodation of the officers were to be preferred to the interest and security of the revenue, the objections made to their proposal by the searchers would have some weight; but as they were of opinion the officers ought to be constituted for the service of the revenue, and that the revenue was not established for the advantage of the officers, they saw no argument in any of those papers to persuade them (the Com^rs^) that their proposal was unreasonable or impracticable, but thought it should be pursued. They then go into the allegations of the searchers in detail, as to methods to be followed in the examination of goods, visitation of ships, &c., and finish with the opinion "that trade ought to be accommodated in every thing that may consist

1700–1. with the safety of the revenue," but they could not "think it reasonable that the King's owne officers should obstruct regulations for his Mat^ts and the public service, barely because they happen to lessen their owne fees or perquisites." Dated 18 March 1700–1. 2½ *pages.*

[? About March 18.] 16. [*Docquet.*]—"Answer of y^e five patent searchers in y^e port of Lond. to y^e reply of y^e Com^rs of the Customes," expressing their concern that they were represented as persons who minded only their own advantage without regard to the King's service; and stating that had those hon. gentlemen condescended to speak with them, before they made their proposal, they doubted not they would have been convinced of the impracticability of some parts of it; they (the searchers) well knew that all officers were constituted for the service of the revenue only; they well knew also the inconveniences that would attend the examination of the goods at the quays before they were packed, but submitted themselves to their Lordships, and hoped for indemnity from such suits as should be brought against them; the wharfingers had united their interest in one general stock, and the whole quays were in one; they had allotted one quay for shipping out, and scarce any goods were landed there, but almost all the goods for exportation were there shipped off, except sugar, logwood, and such gross goods, and those but at certain places, most of the other quays being kept for the importation of foreign goods and shipping coast goods, &c. Undated, but soon after 18 March 1700–1. See the preceding report, No. 15. 1½ *pages.*

March 18. 17. Report of the Com^rs or Officers of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the "prejudices" the revenue of Excise received by the brewing and selling malt drink of excessive strength; finding that the brewing and selling drinks called stout, Derby and Nottingham ale, and such like liquors, which were all of extraordinary strength, was much increased throughout the kingdom, especially within the bills of mortality. They were of opinion that the use of such excessively strong drinks lessened the consumption of the quantity of strong drink, first because the persons who drank those extraordinarily strong drinks were not able to drink half that quantity of such drink as of common strong beer and ale, if none of those extraordinarily strong drinks were brewed; and second, the manufacturers, artificers, farmers, labourers, and travellers, who were the great consumers of exciseable beer and ale, generally measured their drinking by the money they could afford, and if they drank common beer or ale would drink a full Winchester quart for 2*d.* or 2½*d.*, whereas they drank no more than one pint of this extraordinarily strong drink, for the same or more money. So that out of 40*s.* expended in the ordinary strong drink the duty was 9*s.* 6*d.*, and out of the same money expended in stout the duty was but 4*s.* 9*d.*; third, many persons who brewed these sorts of drink mixed them in their cellars with small beer. They suggest two remedies, first, an assize on all beer and ale sold by

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retail, or second, a further duty on all beer and ale of extraordinary strength, and give various reasons against the first remedy, amongst them that it would amount to a prohibition as regards the Northern and Welsh counties, as they brewed no other than very strong beer. They recommend the second, viz., that 4*s.* 9*d.* a barrel should be laid on all beer and ale of above 20*s.* the barrel. Dated 18 March 1700. 2 *pages.*

[About March 18.] 18. Petition of Lieut. Hans Finley of Col. Buchan's late regiment, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his name was given in to Mr. Cardonell " with others that were broke," to have half pay, but being absent in Ireland, there was no certificate that he was alive: praying to be inserted on the half pay list: with a corroborative certificate at the foot.

Undated, but about 18 March 1700–1, as his name was then ordered to be inserted in any list of half pay to be made. See *Letter Book,* Vol. X., p. 328. 1 *page.*

March 19. 19. Letter of Mr. W. Popple to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., intimating to the Lords of the Treasury that no money had yet been ordered for the captain and 40 additional men about to proceed to Newfoundland. The frigate "Assistance" lay in the Downs, and was intended to carry the men and provisions for them. The provisions for the company then at Newfoundland were already on board the ship. Dated 19 March 1700–1.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 267, 9 May 1701, is:—"Write a letter to ye E. of Ranelagh out of ye mony in his hands to pay to the agent of ye comp[a] for Newfoundland, 264. 6. 8. for subsist., clearings, & clothing of ye officer & 41 additional men, from 25 Ap. to 24 Xbr. 1701. incl., taking care that this expence do not make an excess upon ye establ. above 300[ml] *p ann.*" 1½ *pages.*

March 19. 20. Petition of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses serving in Parliament for the city of York, and others, the Justices of the peace of that county, to the King, praying for a warrant to make use of the ruinous walls, &c., of the King's manor house at York, to build the gaol. Undated, but noticed in the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 235, 19 March 1700; and further on p. 248, 8 April 1701, the surveyor was to hasten his report. 1 *small page.*

March 19. 21. Memorial of Sir Basill Dixwell to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the whole support of the lieutenancy of Dover Castle depended on the 160*l.* *per ann.* payable to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and the 50*l.* *per ann.* payable to him as lieutenant of the castle, of which payments 229*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* were in arrear: praying for an order for speedy payment. Dated 19 March 1700–1.

Minuted:—"18 July 1701. For ye future he will be well paid by ye Earle of Ranelagh. There is no fond for y[e] arrear." 1 *page.*

[About March 21.] 22. Memorial of Sir John Houblon and John Houblon, jun., to the Lords of the Treasury, in reply to the memorial of the Com[rs] of Victualling, about the supply of money to Mr. Harvey, the high

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rate of exchange at which the bills were drawn, the living above his salary, and the vain extravagant expenses of Mr. Harvey: praying that the bills might be forthwith paid.

Accompanied by the copy of a testimonial in favour of Mr. Harvey.

Minuted: — "21 March 1700. 1,100£ is to be paid by y^e victuallers to John Houblon, jun^r & Company, assignees of Sir W^m Hodges upon a bill of 3,000 doll^rs at 59^d and 1,500^drs at 58^d, drawn by Thomas Harvey at Cadiz for money furnished there for the service of the victualling." 2 *pages, much decayed.*

[? About March 24.] 23. Petition of His Majesty's messengers in ordinary, showing that the generality of them had during the late war been obliged to take up several sums of money, on pawn of their goods and otherwise, at very great interest, to enable them to carry on His Majesty's service at home and abroad; the greatest part of which remained unpaid, the petitioners having to pay the interest; the patience of their creditors was quite worn out: praying for an order for payment of their old bills to Christmas 1698, besides which there were about 3,000*l.* due to them on new bills for the last three years.

Minuted: — "Read 24 Mar. 1700. Ref. to M^r Vanburgh to state how much the messengers' bills since the Revolution have amounted to, how much they have received, how much they clayme to be still due, and what part thereof in the case of every pticular messenger ought (in M^r Vanburgh's opinion) to be allowed and disallowed." 1 *page (quarto.)*

March 24. 24. Letter from Mr. Charles Mason to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to let their Lordships know that he owed Mr. Whittley 300*l.*, which he was willing and ready to pay. Dated 24 March 1700.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 237, 24 March 1700, is:—"To the agents to call upon M^r Charles Mason forthw^th to pay into the Exchec^r the sume, being ab^t 300^li, w^ch he owes to Morgan Whitley upon the acco^t of ye s^d Whitley, as rec^r of the dutys on marriages, births, & buryals, & to take a tally for the same in M^r Whitley's name, provided M^r Whitly do give him a discharge for so much as M^r Mason shall pay. To which end the agents are also to call upon M^r Whitley." ½ *page.*

March 25. 25. Petition of Lawrence Stanyan, one of the farmers of the Revenue in Ireland, praying that certain undetermined articles in the state of the account of that farm might be referred to the Earl of Rochester, the King's Lieutenant of Ireland.

With a note at the foot, that they were so referred on 25 March 1701. 1 *page.*

March 25. 26. An abstract of the gross produce of His Majesty's revenue in Ireland for one quarter, ending at Lady Day 1701. 1 *page.*

[About March 26.] 27. Letter of W. Bishop of Worcester, "Almoner" to [the King], detailing the mode in which he had distributed the charities

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ordered to be paid by Mr. Nicolas by Her late Majesty, viz., he inquired of every petitioner whether he had served His Majesty or his royal predecessors in the army, navy, or royal household, or whether there was any debt owing to them from the Crown which might entitle them to charity. Many of them had been kept from perishing, but many were now brought to great straits, their pensions being seven quarters in arrear: asking that notice might be given if these pensions were taken away.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 239, 26 March 1701, is:—"Bishop of Worcester's letter read, concerning the money he receives of Mr Nicholas for charities. There are 7 quarters due at Xmas 1700. The King orders them to cease from Xmas 1700, but to be paid until that time, and no further. Halfe a year of the arrear is to be paid at present. Signifye this to the Bishop." 1 *page.*

March 26. 28. Report of the Officers of the Mint, on the petition of Mr. Weddell, wherein he craved allowance of 61*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, the balance of 101*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* expended by him in the prosecution of Joseph Horton, who was convicted at Chester of having a coining press: recommending that Mr. "Burrett," solicitor to the Treasury, should pay the 61*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* out of money imprested to him for prosecutions. Dated 26 March 1701.

The petition of Robert Weddell, Deputy Warden of the Mint, late at Chester. 2 *pages.*

March 27. 29. Letter of Captain Delavall to W. Lowndes, Esq., desiring him to put their Lordships of the Treasury in mind of the residue of 500*l.* [viz. 300*l.*] promised him by several Lords of the Council upon his last undertaking a voyage to Barbary for the redemption of English captives: sending also an account of the maintenance of the Moors in their voyage, and of the fees paid at the Treasury and Exchequer on receipt of sums for redemption of the captives, also the wages of an interpreter, &c., amounting to 371*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* Dated 27 March 1701.

Minuted:—"13 May 1702. To be laid before the Queen."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI, p. 163, for that date is:—"Capt. Delaval's papers are read. He demands 300l, rest of 500l, and his charges upon ye Moors going home. To be laid before the Queen."

On the 9th June 1702, p. 185, he demanded 671*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* "His demand to be moderated." And on 8 July, p. 212, 500*l.* were to be allowed in full of all pretensions for his service and charges in carrying home the Morocco agents and bringing back several slaves. 2 *pages.*

March 27. 30. Representation of the agents for bringing in taxes, about bonds to be taken for Mr. Mason, late receiver for the county of Cambridge. Dated 27 March 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 242, ult. March 1701, is:—

"Mr. Mason's security. } The agents w^th^ S^r^ John Conyers, M^r^ Pickering, & al. M^r^ Pickering will signe ye bond. 1 *page.*

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March 28. 31. Letter from the officers of Ordnance to William Lowndes, Esq., desiring that an enclosure as to stores for St. John's, Newfoundland, might be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 28 March 1701.
The enclosure referred to, which applies for clearance of the stores by the Custom-house.
Minuted:—"Ordered." 2 *pages.*

March 29. 32*a*. Report of Lord Ranelagh, on the petition of Col. Farrington, as to taking off the respites on his pay. Dated 29 March 1701.
Also the petition.
Minuted:—"Read 2d Apr. 1701. A warrt to be prepared." 2 *pages.*

[? About March.] 32*b*. Two petitions of Captain Rigby to the Lords of the Treasury, the first praying them to accept Mr. Joseph Reading at the Bell Inn, Wallbrook, London, and Mr. John Woodward at the Crown Inn, Kensington, as security for payment of his fine. [*Minuted:*—"The 200li being paid down. The rest to be pd every 6 months, & if he dyes before any of the daies of paymt, his heirs, exrs, & suretys are to be discharged of the sumes or pay of[f] them as shall then remn unpd."]; and the second that Matthew Struch might be accepted in room of the said Reading. Undated.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
There is an entry in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 245, on 3 April 1701, for 200*l*. to be paid to Capt. Rigby, to enable him to pay 200*l*. fine to the King. 2 *pages* (*quarto*), *the upper part all decayed.*

[? March.] 32*c*. Petition of William Savage, Batchelor of Divinity, to the Lords of "His Majesty's" Treasury, showing that King James I., by patent of the 7th year of his reign, granted to Francis Morice and Francis Philips (*inter alia*), all his rectory impropriate of St. Buttolph's without Aldgate, London, in which patent there is a general exception of all advowsons, donations, &c., the impropriations whereof were then granted away from the Crown; in pursuance of which King Charles II. [in the 33rd year of his reign], granted to Richard Hollingworth, D.D., the curacy of the said church, which he enjoyed for 20 years, till Samuel Brewster, Esq., the present impropriator, gained a judgment against him and ejected him from the same; after which the Doctor resigned his nomination to His Majesty, who thereupon granted to the petitioner the office of curate or chaplain in the said church. The Bishop of London licensed him, and he was put in possession of the desk and pulpit by the churchwardens; but Brewster forcing the keys from the sexton, and putting a lock upon the desk, has ever since kept the petitioner out of his rights: praying that as he is only a fellow of a college in Cambridge, having no ecclesiastical preferment, and as he has expended a considerable sum in maintaining His Majesty's right, that the same for the future shall be defended, and the suit carried on at His Majesty's expense. Undated. It was about 20 years from 1681, and the second paper mentions "this instant March."

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Minuted:—"Send for Mr. Borret to be here the next time my Lords meet."

Another paper, containing the same matters set out somewhat more fully.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 252, 14 April 1701. is:—"Their Lop^s order M^r Borret to proceed to a trial or a hearing in the case concerning the church of S^t Buttolph to mainteyne the King's title at ye King's charge." 2 *pages.*

April 2. 33. Report of the Officers of the Board of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the expenses of works under the care of Mr. Tallman, about the gardens at Hampton Court. Dated 2 April 1701. Also,

"Abstract of ye bills passed for y^e gardens att Hampton Court from y^e last of December 1699 to y^e last of December 1700."

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^e King. Read 23 June 1701. The weekly paym^ts to y^e works to be continued." 2 *pages.*

April 2. 34. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and bill of Robert Weddell, late deputy warden of the Mint at Chester Castle, recommending the allowance to him of 30*l.* for his salary to Michaelmas 1698 [*Minuted:*—"This 30^l allo^d."]; that the charges of 15*l.* for his journey by post from Chester to London and back in the midst of winter should be allowed [*Minuted:*—"15*l.* all^d."]; that for other work and attendance at the Tower he be allowed 30*l.* [*Minuted:*—"30*l.* all^d."] For other services in prosecuting clippers and coiners, recommending that he should be rewarded out of money imprested to Mr. Neale, and in the hands of his agent, Mr. Fanquier. Dated Mint Office, in the Tower, 2 April 1701.

The petition and account referred to. 4 *pages.*

April 3. 35. Order of Council referring the petition of John Bowles to the Lords of the Treasury. His application was for the remainder of 7,135*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, whereof he had received but 584*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, and he sets forth in his petition that by letters patent of 30 Sept. 1690, he was empowered to measure all ships from 13 Feb. 1688 to 17 Sept. 1690, and to receive a quarter of what he saved His Majesty by the admeasurement. Dated 3 April 1701.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"4 July 1701. To see w^t has been don on his former peticons."

Again:—"Upon their L̃ps having had an acco^t of w^t had been don on his former peticons, 8 Aug. 1701, my L^ds are resolv'd to make no further allowance in this case." 3½ *pages.*

April 3. 36. Letter from the Com^rs of the Navy to Sir Thomas Littleton, Baronet, Treasurer of the Navy, complaining that the clerks of the Cheque at Chatham and Sheerness were at a stand as to the payment of conduct money to seamen, and for the men sent thither by vice-admirals, &c.; asking to know the pleasure of the Lords of the Treasury thereon. Dated 3 April 1701.

Minuted:—"Read 7 Apr. 1701." 1 *page.*

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April 7. 37. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, affirming the facts in the petition hereafter described, and recommending the grant of an annuity of 300*l.* a year out of the revenue of Ireland for 21 years, to the petitioner and her assigns. Dated 7 April 1701.

The last *minute* on it is:—"Read to ye K. 9 Apr. Not granted."

Petition of Sarah Abbott, relict of Mordecai Abbott, Esq., to the King. Her late husband, soon after the King's accession, was employed by Mr. Harboard, paymaster-general of the forces in Ireland, and since by the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranelagh, paymaster-general of the forces in England, as his deputy, in which employment he continued during all the difficulties of the late war, and to the time of his death, and assisted in forming and perfecting the design of subscriptions for circulating Exchequer bills, at a time when the public credit was at its greatest extremity, by calling in the clipt money; he had a grant of 300*l.* a year out of the forfeited estates in Ireland, which was then resumed by Act of Parliament. Before he had enjoyed the office lately conferred on him of Receiver-General of the Customs a year, he sunk under the weight of the great business, leaving eight young children: praying an allowance for the support and education of the children. 1½ *pages.*

April 7. 38. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the merchants and other persons trading in tobacco, in the port of Liverpool; praying enlargement of their time, after the 1st December last, for payment of their bonds: expressing their opinion that if all the merchants of England would come to the terms proposed by Alderman Clayton for Liverpool, it might be for the public service; but it would be necessary to have their Lordships' directions. Dated 7 April 1701.

Also the petition, with 24 signatures.

Minuted:—"Ordered, provided they pay by ye 10^th^ of May next." 2 *pages.*

April 7. 39. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, with respect to the debt of the Old East India Company, which amounted to 39,554*l.* 8*s.* 1½*d.*, on their importation account, and 37,880*l.* 16*s.* 10½*d.* for such goods as were subject to 15 *per cent.* of the value for which they were sold, by the candle: also with respect to the debt of the New East India Company, on their importation account, for the cargo of the ship "Norris," amounting to 16,957*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, not including the 15 *per cent.* on the same. Dated 7 April 1701.

Minuted:—"8 Ap. 1701. To be read to-morr. morn, when the com^tees^ are here." 2 *pages.*

April 8. 40. Report of Mr. Auditor Done to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Knatchbull, in respect to arrears of his pay and half pay as muster master to the marine regiments commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir Cloudesley Shovell. Dated 8 April 1701.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

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[About April 8.] 41. Memorial of Mr. Onslow and others, [officers of the Excise Office], to the Lords of the Treasury. The laying a further duty upon the better sort of drink had always been disrelished and exploded, but now a further duty of 4*s.* 9*d.* of every barrel of beer or ale of above 18*s.* value was proposed; they ask where would be the equality of it. Some said it would be of great benefit to the public. It would either (1) discourage the consumption of drink of extraordinary strength and advance the consumption of ordinary strong beer and ale, or else (2) the revenue would be advantaged. As to the first, the contrary was to be feared, for men who had accustomed their bodies to strong liquors, if debarred from their stout by means of a surcharge laid upon it, would make use of brandy and foreign spirits, or fall to brewing their own drink, a mischief lately experienced in the Excise on doubling the duties. And whereas it was suggested that people could not drink above half the quantity of stout or strong Nottingham or Derby ale that they did of common strong beer or ale, to the diminution of half the duty, it was noted that men who had vitiated their stomachs with the constant use of hot drinks were habitually feverish and thirsty, and though they could not drink so large a draught of what was excessively strong, nor so great a quantity of it at one time, as they could of what was milder, yet they oftener repeated their drinking, and were sooner dry again; and what the revenue lost by one it gained by the other. As to the other part, that the revenue would be advantaged by such duty proportionably to the loss it then sustained by the brewing and consumption of such extraordinary drink, it did not hitherto appear that the revenue sustained such a loss, but it was evident strong drink consumed a great quantity of malt, which improved the rents. They state various other difficulties and objections to the proposal. "Delivered to the Lords, April 8, 1701." 2 *pages.*

April 8. 42. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Ford, searcher of the port of Chichester, praying payment of his part of the information mentioned in the petition, and recompense for his extraordinary trouble about other informations; certifying that the informations and prosecutions were well attested, and several of their number had witnessed his diligent attendance in Parliament in prosecuting and convicting Signioret, D'Harse, and other merchants upon articles of impeachment, upon which they were fined 19,500*l.*, which was also attested by Sir Rowland Gwynn, chairman, and other gentlemen of that committee. He had made oath that he had expended upwards of 200*l.* in bringing over witnesses. They thought he deserved a good reward. As to the pretentions of Mr. Joseph Beverton, in the petition annexed, for the same services, they referred to the said Ford's answer annexed. Dated 8 April 1701.

The petitions and the answer referred to, and ten other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 20 June 1701. 200*l.* charges & 300*l.* reward to be p̃d him out of the mony arising by forfeitures." 15 *pages.*

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April 8. 43. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, founded on letters from Col. Robert Quary, Judge of the Admiralty in the province of Pennsylvania and the Jerseys, and on another paper containing his observations on the state of trade and the increase of piracy. They had given directions for removing the officer from Bridlington to Cohansy, as was proposed, and would send a circular to the officers in the plantations to examine the goods more strictly. They were of opinion that a small vessel for Delaware Bay would much prevent illegal trade. They had found Col. Quary to be a gentleman of good understanding in the plantation affairs, of great industry and probity, and deserved encouragement, and they proposed that he should be made surveyor-general of the duties under the Act 25 Charles II., in those provinces. [The salary *minuted*:—"200£ *p annū*."] Col. Quary in some of his late letters complained of the difficulty he laboured under as to trial of pirates, many of whom had been seized, and their effects to a considerable value lodged in the hands of Governor Penn. Their (the Com^rs) letters had been opened before they came to their hands, and other letters entirely intercepted. The Com^rs referred to the letters sent to the Lords of the Council of Trade for the history of piracy, and offered it as their opinion (as they understood was represented to Mr. Randolph, the surveyor-general), that for the prevention of these and many other abuses all those governments should be vested in the Crown. Dated 8 April 1701.

Accompanied by one of the papers referred to, entitled:—"Some remarks on the trade of these parts, with a true acco^t of severall grand abuses in trade, and the proper remedies, humbly presented to the Commiss^rs of His Ma^ts Customs." Dated Philadelphia, 6 March $\frac{1699}{700}$.

It contains information about the Madagascar trade, which was then thought the best to get money. It states that the manner of the voyage of the ships was this:—they carried a suitable cargo to the Madeiras, and there they took in a loading of wine and brandy, and from thence direct to Madagascar, where they met the pirates, and purchased on very easy terms their plunder, and then came back. The consumption of tobacco in Barbadoes was not so much, and yet the quantity shipped thither was almost ten times as much. He had found out the mystery, it was repacked and sent to England, Ireland, and the Dutch settlements. That province (Pennsylvania) grew very populous, and the people were very industrious, and had so improved the tillage, that bread, flour, and beer were drugs in the markets in the West Indies; as the trade was overdone, they had resolved to go on with planting tobacco in the three upper counties, where there was never any planted before; the land was very proper for it, and would produce very bright tobacco, and the number of the people would produce vast quantities; they had no other way of making returns to England, and so the place was very miserable. There were more than six times the goods imported than were exported, and thus the money was carried away. Four times the tobacco was made there that

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year that had been made before, and all of it engrossed by the Scotch, as almost all other trade there was. No one who designed to trade fairly could give the extravagant rates they did, being not less than double what was given in Maryland. They carried on a constant trade from Curacao: a vessel from thence, about a month before, belonging to Scotch merchants, with linen, &c. of the manufacture of Holland, ran the goods ashore at a place called "Bumbo-hooke." The business was then publicly known, and it was impossible to prevent it. But a small vessel of four guns and 15 or 20 brisk men would effectually answer the end. A most pernicious trade had been carried on between this bay and New York by several vessels for above 12 years, but more especially by one Graverard, a Dutchman, of New York; the manner was this:—He generally entered some small quantity of tobacco; when he had his despatches he took in his lading, which lay in some convenient place in the bay; when he came near Sandy-Hook he put ashore all the tobacco, except what he had a cocket for, at a small Dutch village. If any vessels were ready to sail for Surinam, Curacao, or Newfoundland, they touched there and took in the tobacco; and if no vessels were ready, the wood boats carried it up to York. He nearly took this man in the bay with six of the pirates on board his sloop, with their estates to carry them to the capes of Virginia. He sent expresses to the Governors of Virginia and Maryland, and Governor Blakiston seized him with his sloop and one of the pirates, the rest being on board ships for England; the sloop and lading, with all his ill-gotten goods from the pirates, were condemned, which had squeezed the rogue pretty well; but he was upon the old trade again. Were there a small vessel it would spoil his trade. Abundance of East India goods had been brought into all the governments on that main, more especially northward, by pirates and other illegal traders; they were generally repacked to pass for other goods. He was assured that no cask or bale had been pierced or searched for two years; abundance of cut and leaf tobacco had been pressed into flour and bread casks. He advised the officers should be assisted if necessary.

Their Honours were much misinformed by Mr. Randolph in placing a collector at Burlington in West Jersey. It was 20 miles from Philadelphia, and no vessels came there. An officer might do the King service at Cape May; he might have seized 20,000*l.* worth of East India goods that summer. There were other places, called Cohanzy and Salem, where many vessels traded from Boston. It might be of service to remove the officer.

There was great abuse in the revenue of 1*d. per* pound on tobacco shipped to the plantations; they pressed into a hogshead 1,000 weight, and entered it for 400 pounds weight, and paid duty for no more, and that was not the worst, for the merchants ordered a sort of cask called barrels to be made, in which they pressed 600 or 700 weight, and entered them for 200 weight, and frequently "cropp the chymes" of a hogshead and enter them for barrels, and pay but for 200 weight, when really there is 800 or 900 weight in the cask. The collectors are vying with one another who shall

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receive most of the money for the duty of tobacco; the merchants manage them by going to one, and telling him unless he will give him such an encouragement they will go and enter with the other who will accept the terms, and the collectors give the merchants certificates for so many hogsheads and barrels entered, without mentioning the weight; the officers in Barbadoes finding great casks entered but for 200 weight, and the largest at most but 400 weight, have forced them to a post entry. The King is cheated of two-thirds of his duty of all tobacco shipped off to Barbodoes, and the rest of the markets in America.

Governor Penn was very zealous, and willing to do all things to promote the King's interest in his Government, and the writer proposed the insertion of several useful clauses in the new Act; amongst the rest there is one that all tobacco shipped shall be weighed and entered according to the weight, but it would be to no purpose unless put in execution, as he knew it would not be; the good management of this affair would be of great service in preventing such quantities of tobacco from going hence to Barbadoes.

The King was much abused in payment of the duty, for he lost on all the money received 30*l. per cent.*

If the management of this branch of the revenue were committed to him, viz., the 1*d. per* pound on the tobacco shipped to the plantations, the King should not be cheated of his duty, and the revenue would be much more considerable. 6 *pages.*

April 8. 44. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Leich, lately a collector of Excise in the Macclesfield collection, as to certain bill transactions with Peter Wright, an alderman of Macclesfield; recommending the allowance to him of 491*l.* 10*s.* 1¾*d.* Dated 8 April 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 5 *pages.*

April 10. 45. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Giel Pieterson Gorter, master of a ship from Dantzic, which was forfeited under the Navigation Act; leaving the question of relief to their Lordships. Dated 10 April 1701.

Minuted:—"To be remitted half ye King's pt."

The petition and two other papers. 4½ *pages.*

April 11. 46. "Great wardrobe. Certificate about Court drummers' and trumpeters' liveries paid in money." Dated 11 April 1701.

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^e^ King. *Again:*—23^th^ Apr. 1701. The King will find them no liverys in money." 1 *page.*

April 12. 47. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the quit rents out of the Earl of Antrim's estate in the barony of Glenarme, in co. Antrim, Ireland, which the Com^rs^ of the Revenue had instructions to recover; they would give such directions as were necessary to recover the King's title to those rents. Dated 12 April 1701.

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Accompanied by a letter of the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, dated 15 March 1700, enclosing (1) a copy of a letter of the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, of 2 April 1698; (2) the copy of the then state of the case (2 April 1698); and (3) the copy of the state of the case as it stood, 13 March 1700, all relating to these quit rents.

There is a long minute on the back of this letter to the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, to the effect that they were to look after the King's interests in this behalf. 9 *pages.*

April 12. 48. Report of the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Joseph Earle, owner, and John Easton, master of a ship, which carried forces from Ireland to France, on the surrender of Limerick, the ship being lost on the voyage; showing what was due for freight, &c.; they had not made out a debenture, as the ship did not come to disaster by the enemy, but was shipwrecked at Ilfracombe. It was not the "custom of any office to make any warrant against shipwreck on the King's account." Dated 12 April 1701. 1½ *pages.*

[? About April 15.] 49. Letter from the Navy Office to Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., Treasurer of the Navy, sending copies of two letters from the clerks of the Cheque at Portsmouth and Sheerness, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, touching the difficulty of paying Exchequer bills on account of the discount.

Minuted:—"Read 15 Apr. 1701."

Also the two copies. 3 *pages.*

[About April 15.] 50. Memorial of Theophilus Westwood, clerk of the impost on wines, on behalf of the Lord Mayor, sheriffs, &c. of London, applying for the remission of certain fees claimed at the Exchequer on sums which were formerly paid at the Custom-house without fees.

Minuted:—"15 Apr. 1701. M^r Tailer to examine & settle these fees, & pay them out of secret service. P'd 13^li 6^s. 1^st Aug. 1701."

Also a memorandum of the fees disbursed. 1½ *pages.*

April 16. 51. "An acco^t of deposits on prisage wine received by M^r W^m Bodington, deputy to the Prisage Ma^r in the port of London, from the 28^th of May 1697 to the 16^th of Aprill 1701, when the deposits were taken into the collector's hands." ½ *page.*

April 16. 52. "Moneys paid to Richard Povey, Esq., out of the 20,000*l.* ordered by the R^t Hono^ble the Lords of the Treasury the 5^th of July 1700, out of the surplus of the Customs, for the sick and wounded." Dated 16 April 1701. ½ *page.*

[? About April 23.] 53. Memorial of J. Stanley, warden of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that it was his duty to prosecute counterfeiters and diminishers of the coin, the charge whereof "in and about this town" for the last year was 34*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*; that formerly the wardens had money imprested for that purpose, and for want of it there

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were a great many coiners, especially in the north and west, and the justices very much neglect such prosecutions because of the charges: proposing that Mr. Burret, their Lordships' solicitor, might have an order about the same.

Accompanied by:—"An accompt of the charges for prosecuting coyners for ye year 1700."

Minuted:—"23 Ap. 1701. This 34. 6. 9. is to be p̃d p Mr Borret. Wt signed 25 Apr. 1701." 2 *pages.*

April 23. 54. Memorial of the officers of the regiment of marines lately under the command of the Hon. Col. Seymour, begging their Lordships to issue their pay, the regiment being cleared and adjusted before Auditor Done. 23 signatures.

Minuted:—"23th April 1701. Audrs Imprest & Mr Dodington to attend abt ye accots of marines on Tuesday next." 1 *page.*

April 23. 55. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills; on the 29th of April the seventh contract would determine, when 15,000*l.* at 3 *per cent.* on 500,000*l.* would be due to the contractors; the payments made by the subscribers had been 499,850*l.*; they had exchanged bills amounting to 476,395*l.* 1*s.*, &c. &c. Dated 23 April 1701. 1½ *pages.*

April 24. 56. Order in Council, on reading the petition of Lieut. Daniel Hunt, praying that his services in the plantations might be examied, and an allowance made him, and particularly for bringing over Captain Kidd's treasure: referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury to report upon. Dated 24 April 1701.

Also copy of his petition and his case, the latter details his services. Their Lordships to not appear to have made any report.

Minuted:—"29 Apr. 1701. To be layd before ye K., Mr Bl. present. Read 23 June 1701. Give him 50*li.* for his journey. Paid 28th July 1701." 3 *pages.*

April 24. 57. Memorial of Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships' commands as to prosecution of certain persons for counterfeiting and forging a 100*l.* tally, and for a fraud by an under clerk of the Exchequer, and another, both of whom were in the Gatehouse. Dated 24 April 1701.

Minuted:—"Order'd." 1 *page.*

[? About April 25.] 58. A warrant from the Lords of the Treasury to the Comrs of Excise, authorizing them to pay to all their officers (whose salaries did not exceed 100*l.* *per ann.*), the sums assessed on them to the second 2*s.* aid in respect of their salaries.

Minuted:—"25 Ap. 1701. The audr & comptr must satisfie theire owne clerks."

Accompaned by the petition of George Bruere and others of the Auditor's office, and John Tooker and others of the Controller's office of Excise, enclosing copy of a warrant on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

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[? About April 25.] 59. Petition of John Hudson, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had served in all the late war in Flanders as controller of the field and town hospitals for the sick and wounded; the House of Commons had consented that he should have half pay from Michaelmas 1697, but he had received nothing: praying that his half pay might be ordered. Further, he was then ordered to take care of the sick and wounded for Holland, which might happen to be 10,000 men, but had no money allowed.

Also two certificates as to his service. Dated 25 April 1701. 3 *pages.*

April 29. 60. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Linegar, a tidesman of London, praying to to be delivered from the costs of prosecution of an information for a lading of French wine from St. Sebastian; in favour of his being allowed his costs (81*l.* 10*s.*), &c. Dated 29 April 1701.

Minuted:—"The 81. 10. 0. to be p̄d as an incid^t^ charge."

The petition, the account of his charges, and three other papers relating thereto. 7 *pages.*

April 29. 61. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of divers hoymen belonging to several of the ports of the counties of Kent and Essex, suggesting that they are places belonging to and within the port of London, and complaining that they had to take out warrants and despatches from the Custom-house, for carrying inland provisions, such as corn, hops, &c., to London only, and that great fees were exacted for cockets, &c.; offering instead to pass by *transire* on reasonable fees. The substance of the answers of the Customs' officers for the counties of Kent and Essex was—

(For Sandwich), that the declaration in the book of rates which extended the port of London to the North Foreland, in the Isle of Thanet, was with a saving of the known rights of Sandwich and Ipswich, and by the old establishment of ports printed in the book of rates, Faversham, Milton, and Rochester were set out (as they had always been esteemed to be) members of the port of Sandwich. There are then details of various regulations for the transmission of corn by the hoys, &c. The officers concluded that their fees were settled in Parliament, and if taken from them, they should be made good to them at the King's charge.

The answer of the officers for Ipswich was, that they did not oblige the petitioners to take out any cocket or warrant for apples or cherries, nor for corn (except for a very large quantity) anything but a lett-pass, for which they took no more than according to the table of fees, viz., 3*s.* 6*d.* On these answers being communicated to the gentlemen who appeared on behalf of the petitioners, they replied—

1st. That a vote in Parliament was not sufficient to create fees; that nothing but an Act of Parliament or prescription could justify them, and that the officers had neither.

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2ndly. They carried only corn and such commodities as were not prohibited, &c.

3rdly. That the owners were willing to pay fees for *transires*, &c.

Upon all which the Com^rs^ of Customs observed that as to the establishment of fees, the Act of Tonnage said that the officers of the Customs should take such fees as were taken in the 4th of James I. until further settled by Parliament. A table of fees signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons in 1670 is the authority of Parliament under which the officers of Sandwich claimed, and as to the boundaries and distinction of the ports, they observed that the "saving" in the return of the commission for setting out and bounding the ports was very particular and express in these words, "Saveing the usuall and knowne rights, liberties, and priviledges to the ports of Sandwich & Ipswich, and either of them, and the knowne members thereof, and of the customers, comptrollers, searchers, and their deputies of and within the said ports of Sandwich and Ipswich," &c., and all the ports in Kent and Essex on this side the Foreland and the Nase had been always under the regulations of the coast trade, as distinct ports from London, and always so accounted, except as to importations from foreign parts. The words in the Act of Frauds, for regulating the coast trade, were general, and there was no mention of a *transire* in that regulation, which was only an expedient in practice for the ease and accommodation of trade. Upon the whole, for the ease of these ports on this side the Foreland and the Nase, for furnishing London with provisions only, they recommend the accommodation agreed on in 1692, between the officers of the Customs and the hoymen of Kent, to be renewed, or that the fees should be moderated by their Lordships' authority. Dated 29 April 1701.

Minuted:—"The former accommodation to be re-established & extended to corne & hopps."

Also the petition referred to.

"The King's officers of London's answer to the agreement between the officers and hoymen of Kent."

And the "accommodation" above mentioned.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 273, 20 May 1701, is:—"Com^rs^ of Customs with the gent^en^ concerned for ye hoymen of Kent & M^r^ Bretton. He insists that there be cocq^ts^ & bonds, and to have his fees, but said at last he would submit them." 9 *pages*.

April 29. 62. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hodgson, recounting his services in the reduction of Ireland, and praying that 2,282*l.* 19*s.* 5½*d.* due to the King for bonds given for customs, might be remitted, he being unable to pay the same; stating that the bonds were put in suit and process of *scire facias* issued against him and his sureties; there was then due to him, as appeared by certificate from the Transport Office, for his interest in four ships employed, 739*l.* 19*s.*, which he

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was willing to transfer in part satisfaction for his debt; a certificate of members of Parliament and other gentlemen of Lancaster, testifying the decay of his fortune and inability to pay, was also annexed. Dated 29 April 1701.

Also the petition, the certificate referred to, and four other papers relating to this business. 7 *pages.*

April 29. 63. Letter from Mr. Burchett, of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes, sending two papers in relation to the defalcations of the Treasurer of the Navy. Dated 29 April 1701.

Also copies of the papers referred to. 13 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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May 2. 1. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Navy [apparently addressed to Mr. Lowndes], on the petition of John Taylor, merchant, a contractor for masts, planks, and other stores, who prayed that their Lordships would direct the Navy Board to make out bills to be paid in course, &c.; giving some facts as regards the bills in course, &c., for their Lordships' guidance. Dated 2 May 1701.

Also the petition and other particulars about the contract, and a note from the petitioner to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Godolphin on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

May 5. 2. Report of the Earl of Ranelegh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sarah Hunt and other inhabitants of Stratford-upon-Avon, praying relief from some debts contracted by the officers and soldiers of Capt. Sandy's troop, in the Earl of Oxford's regiment, when quartered there; leaving it to their Lordships as to what was the proper relief to be given. Dated 5 May 1701. 1 *page.*

May 6. 3. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Rawlin Mallock, son of Roger Mallock, late collector of Excise, as to the claim of the Crown on Rawlin Mallock, who was security for Roger Mallock. Further they report that they had good reason to believe that the King's money, which was alleged to be lost by robbery, was so lost. Dated 6 May 1701.

Minuted:—"My Lords approve this Report." *Again:*—"2 July 1701. Deduct ye robery money from ye 2,306. l. 8., and lett the pet^r^ make up the remainder & then my Lords will allow ye robery m^o^ & disch^a^ ye interest."

Also the petition and two affidavits as to the robbery. 5½ *pages.*

May 6. 4. Report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Luke Lillingston, as

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to allowance to be made to his company as if complete, they having been weakened by a contagious distemper on their return from the West Indies. Dated 6 May 1701.

Minuted:—"Read to y^e^ K. 27 June 1701. Respited." 1 *page.*

May 6. 5. Memorial from the Com^rs^ for Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the incident charges of their office. Dated 6 May 1701. 1 *page.*

May 6. 6. Report of Mr. Henry Shales, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles and James Tryon, Esquires, grandchildren of Sir Richard Stydolf, Knt. and Baronet, deceased, who held of the Crown divers lands in the parish of Egham, in the county of Surrey, at a rent of 12*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, and certain oats and hay to be delivered at Windsor and Hampton Court. In favour of deductions being allowed for the hay and oats from the taxes on the land. Dated 6 May 1701.

Also the account of the value of the hay and oats and the petition referred to.

Minuted:—"25 July 1701. To be allow'd in kind & not in mony." 3 *pages.*

May 6. 7. A letter from Narcissus, Archbishop of Dublin [to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland]. He knew not whether Lord Galway had acquainted his Excellency with a design of erecting a library at Dublin for public use, which would be of great benefit, seeing the only library in Ireland (which was that of the college in Dublin) was inaccessible to all but the members, and that the booksellers' shops were furnished with none but a few modern English books, so that the clergy of that city and such as came to it about business, and especially the poor curates who had not money to buy, having no place to repair to where they might have the perusal of a collection of good books, he feared spent much of their time worse, than probably they would do, if such a provision were made for them. When he spoke of the College library as the only one in Ireland, he meant that was anything considerable, there being two others very small, one at Kilkenny, given by the late Bishop there, and another at Londonderry, erected by the present Bishop of that place.

The money for the structure was ready and the ground laid out, being part of the garden belonging to his (the Bishop's) house, and the model of the building was being drawn. Only one encouragement was wanting. There was a very learned gentleman, a refugee, one Mr. Bonhereau, who held great correspondence in foreign parts, every way qualified to be a library keeper. He had moreover a collection of books worth between 500*l.* and 600*l.* This gentleman, being ancient, would give his books (which were in a manner all his substance) to this library (when erected) and become library keeper himself, if he might have 200*l.* a year settled on him for life. Were the treasurership or chancellorship of their cathedral of St. Patrick void, he (the Bishop) would bestow it on him who was well qualified for such a dignity and would endeavour to make it a pre-

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ferment for a library keeper for ever, there being no duty belonging thereto besides preaching three or four times in a year. But it being uncertain when either of these might become void, the only expedient that could be thought of was, that the King would graciously bestow a salary of 200*l.* *per ann.* on Mr. Bonhereau as library keeper, either during life or until otherwise provided for, which might be paid out of the first fruits, and then the work would go on. The library would at first opening be pretty well stocked with those books and such others as he (the Bishop) should then give (the remainder of his library, all but his Oriental manuscripts, being designed for it when he died); but if this could not be obtained, he feared the whole project would languish and come to nought. He was somewhat bold with his Excellency; but his concern was for the public good. Lord Galway was fully apprised of the matter, and the Archbishop of Canterbury had formerly been acquainted with it, and he (the Bishop) had again written to him. Dated 6 May 1701.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the K." 2 *pages* (*quarto*). *Holograph.*

May 7. 8. Letter of the Earl of Romney to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the proposition that all the captains, officers, and gunners of the Cinque Ports, the garrisons of the kingdom, the warders of the Tower and the Isle of Wight, and a storekeeper at Portsmouth should be paid by the Office of Ordnance, had been fully considered by the principal officers. He enclosed their report and the reasons why they could not comply, and he entirely concurred with them. He could not justify any part of the money granted by Parliament being used for any other purpose than that for which it was given. Dated 7 May 1701.

The report referred to, in which they make this observation in respect to the employment of money contrary to the intent and meaning of Parliament: "How far such a method may subject your Lordship and this office to a just censure of having misapplyed the publick money, and what ill consequences may attend it, will be very apparent to your Lordship, and will consequently lessen the good opinion the Parliament has hitherto had of your Lordship's prudent conduct." If there were no other objections they were not in a condition to comply with this additional charge.

With this report is:—

"A computation of the charge of the Office of the Ordnance for land service for the year 1701." 6 *pages.*

May 7. 9. Letter from the Com^rs of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a memorandum they had received from the agent of the soldiers at Newfoundland. Unless the money were paid before the going away of the ships, which were the last, they feared great disorders in the fishery by the unruliness of the soldiers for want of their pay. Dated 7 May 1701.

Also the memorandum referred to, relating to the non-payment of these soldiers. 2 *pages.*

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1701. [About May 9.] 10. Memorial of John Perryman, reeve of the manor of Bray, in the county of Berks, who had seized the freehold house and land of William Legge, of Bray, yeoman, who had been convicted of sheep-stealing and burnt in the cheek for the same; praying directions and for his expenses, it being a question whether the seizure was done rightly, as the land was in mortgage.

Minuted:—"Bray, 9 May 1701. Send this to M^r^ Borret to take in the mortgage and have it assigned to the King's use. To see that ye lands & goods be recovered and duely answer'd, and as there shalbe occasion to advise w^th^ Mr. Att.-Gen^ll^." 1 *page.*

May 9. 11. Letter of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, informing him that the trade with Courland was interrupted by the Swedes, which would materially affect a contract for hemp for the Navy entered into by Messrs. Nathaniel and John Gould. Dated 9 May 1701.

Copy of letter of Messrs. Nathaniel and John Gould as to the same. 2 *pages.*

May 12. 12. Report of Mr. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, finding that the three last parcels in the particular annexed, valued at 303*l.* 13*s.*, were lately taken in for the enlargement of the Little Park, which, with the value of other lands (assumed formerly by King Charles II. for making an avenue from Windsor Castle to the Great Park), amounting to 523*l.* 14*s.*, and the arrears of rent for those lands, made in all 894*l.* 13*s.* In satisfaction for which lands to be passed to the Crown, the Dean and Canons propose to have conveyed to them the annual rent of 48*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* payable by them to Mr. Richard Dalton, valued at 1,100*l.*; the overplus, about 200*l.*, they desired might be allowed for charges in perfecting the exchange by a private Act of Parliament.

Mr. Dalton proposed, as an equivalent for this rent, to accept of a grant to him and his heirs of a piece of building ground with tenements thereon on the south side of Pall Mall Street, and the reversion of a piece of ground on the east side of St. James's Street; leaving it to their Lordships to declare their approbation in order that the petitioners might proceed to obtain the Act of Parliament. Dated 12 May 1701.

The memorial and particular referred to.

Minuted:—"Letter writ 14 May 1701." 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About May 12.] 13. Petition of Major Thomas Webberley, of the late second Marine regiment commanded by Sir Cloudsley Shovell, to the Lords of the Treasury, for the subsistence due to him at the time the regiment was broken (30 Sept. 1698).

Minuted:—"12 May 1701. When the acco^t^ (now sent for) from the navy is adjusted, my Lords will consider this peticon." 1 *page.*

May 12. 14. A draft of a minute which Mr. Stanyan, one of the farmers of the revenue of Ireland, proposed should be entered in the *Minute*

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Book, giving him the advantage of such discoveries as he could make of the King's title to lands, revenue, &c., which ought to belong to the King, and of which he then had no advantage. At his hearing before the Lords of the Treasury, Mr. Stanyan craved allowance for 20,000*l.* for loss by the process issued against the farmers, 12,000*l.* for damage sustained by breaking the late Tangier contract, &c. Dated 12 May 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 26, 23 July 1701, is:—"As to Mr Stanyan, my Lords do not think fitt to make any alteration in, or addition to, their former minutes upon the last hearing concerning his pretentions, but as to a place my Lords intend to recommend him to such place as is proper for him when there is a vacancy." 1 *page.*

May 13. 15. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer Bills, to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them (1.) to direct the payment of 15,000*l.* for premiums to the subscribers on the seventh contract, and five *per cent.* deposited. [*Minuted:*—The deposit is to be forthwith restored."] (2.) To direct the payment of 1,969*l.* for half a year's salary to the Trustees, &c. [*Minuted:*—"Ordered."] (3.) For 375[*l.*] 3*s.* ½*d.* due to the usher of the Exchequer for stationery ware, &c., and for discount on bills exchanged for money, in all 1,500*l.* [*Minuted:*—"Ordered."] (4.) In case the eighth contract be made void, they ask that it might be signified in the Gazette, and the subscribers might receive back their five *per cent.* deposited on 495,400*l.* (5.) They crave 2,128*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.* disbursed for incidents, as in the account delivered to Brook Bridges, Esq., one of the auditors of imprests. When the deposit money was returned they could not as hitherto answer the Exchequer with money for their specie bills. Dated 13 May 1701. 1 *page.*

May 13. 16. Report of S. Travers and Sir Chr. Wren, on the memorial of Major Foubert, who was fitting up a house in the Old Spring Garden. They did not find any convenient place near for such a riding house as the memorialist desired, unless it were a piece of ground near the Old Spring Garden on the north side of St. James' Park, which they describe. Dated 13 May 1701.

In the memorial (which is very faded) the Major prayed to be allowed the rent of his house as well as the expense of one of the pages of honour.

The latter is *minuted:*—"Read 23 Apr. 1701. He is to entertain a page, and the King will pay the rent of his house, but His Maty will be at no charge of repaires." 3 *pages.*

May 13. 17. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Clayton; approving a composition proposed by the petitioner for the debt of Andrew Clayton, his brother, for whom he was bound, but the Attorney-General's opinion was that it could not be compounded, being appropriated money. Dated 13 May 1701.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

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1701. [About May 14.] 18. Petition of the Yeomen of the Guard to the King, praying relief in respect to their travelling charges whilst attending His Majesty. They were six years in arrear, and their small salary also much in arrear.

Minuted :—"Read 14th May 1701. Speak wth Lord Chamberlain."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 213, 8 July 1702, is :—"Her Maty will restore them to their old salary, and allow noe ryding charges." 1 *page.*

May 14. 19 and 20. Letter of Mr. Wm. Popple, to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., enclosing an account of disbursements for incidental charges of the Commission for Trade and Plantations. Dated 14 May 1701.

Also the account, signed by the Comrs. 4 *pages.*

[? About May 14.] 21. Petition of Lucius Henry Cary, Viscount Falkland, to the King ; the petitioner had a decree from the Lord Chancellor and two Chief Justices ; but on appeal of Lord Abington, the House of Lords had reversed the decree, and he had nothing for his support or education ; praying an order for something for his education till the "life falls" or an agreement were made.

Minuted :—"Read 14 May 1701. No more at present."

There are the following entries in the *Minute Book* in relation to Lord Falkland, viz. :—

Vol. XI., p. 115, 21 Jan. 1701–2. "The King will not make a settlement on him, but gives him 100li."

P. 187, 9 June 1702. "There has been paid between 8th March 1698 and 28 Janry last at several times 1,000l. The Queen will continue the same."

P. 196, 23 June 1702. "Lord Falkland, 100l out of sec. service."

P. 247, 24 Aug. 1702. "The Queen will allow him 200li a year."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About May 14.] 22. Memorial of Thomas Lord Fairfax and William Russell, Esq., referring to their memorial, praying to be empowered to coin copper coin for Ireland, the plantations, and the colonies, to commence after the termination of the grants then in being. It was conceived that no further progress could be made with the coinage of Ireland until the Earl of Rochester arrived ; but as the grants to the patentees in England, the plantations, and the colonies were expired or expiring, they prayed that their grant for the plantations, &c. might pass.

Minuted :—"Read 14 May 1701. Not granted."

Also a similar minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 279, 28 May 1701. 1 *page.*

May 14. 23. Letter signed J[ohn] Peters, to William Lowndes, Esq., stating that the King seemed inclined to grant a compensation to Mr. Palmes (if anything could be found), for his loss by the Act for regulating the ill state of the coin of the kingdom, upon which encouragement the writer had diligently applied himself and hoped he had met with something serviceable to Mr. Palmes and himself ; but he had been arrested, and expected hourly to be so again by his creditors. If he

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could obtain the King's grant of the concealments he had discovered, his creditors would be somewhat pacified ; praying Mr. Lowndes to lay his deplorable condition before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 14 May 1701.

Minuted :—" Read 16 May 1701. He must lay before this Board the particulars of his discovery." 1½ *pages.*

May 21. 24. Report of the principal Officers of the Mint (Sir J. Stanley and Is. Newton) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the tellers of the Bank, praying a reward " for telling all the new moneys proceeding from the twelve general remains, at the request of the officers of the Exchequer." The tellers of the Exchequer were at first sent to the Mint to tell the new moneys ; but when the coinage increased they were assisted by the tellers of the Bank. The tellers had received no reward for their service. Dated 21 May 1701.

Minuted :—" 18 July 1701. My L^ds do not think the King should bear this charge."

Accompanied by two affidavits, a petition, and

" An account of severall tellers of the Bank which have been imployed att the Tower in telling money for y^e Exchequer on the King's account, from y^e 5^th of June to the 22^d of January 169 . . " 5 *pages.*

May 21. 25. " Navy Office, 21 May 1701. An account of the bills of imprest issued by the Navy Board by orders from the R^t Hon^ble the Lords of the Treasury, to the collonells, &c., of the four late marine regiments, for the service thereof, expressing the dates of the orders, date and sumes of the bills, & out of what funds or money assigned on the Treasurer of the Navy for payment. Prepared by the directions of the R^t Hon. the Lords of the Treasury, signified by M^r Lowndes his letter of the 8^th instant."

Minuted :—" Send this to M^r Dodington, & desire him to make such addic̃ons as he has to make to this acc^t." 5 *pages.*

May 24. 26. Letter from the [Com^rs of the Navy] to Sir Thos. Littleton, Bart., Treasurer of the Navy, sending the estimate, as confirmed by the Lords of the Admiralty, of the charge of erecting a jetty wharf on the north side of His Majesty's yard at Portsmouth. Dated 24 May 1701.

Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

[? About May 27.] 27. Petition of the executors of Mr. Hutchinson, late Receiver-General of the Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be allowed deficiency in hammered money, viz., 3*l.* 2*s.*, and for 62*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, for counterfeit Exchequer bills, also divers other losses sustained by Mr. Hutchinson, amounting to 1,432*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*

Undated, but ? about 27 May 1701. See *Money Book,* Vol. XV., p. 422. 1 *page.*

May 30. 28. An estimate of the charge of building a new storehouse on the north side of His Majesty's yard at Plymouth, prepared by

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order of the Lords of the Admiralty. Dated Navy Office, 30 May 1701. 1 *page.*

May 30. 29. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hodgson, viz., as to a debt for customs; stating that it was affirmed that he could not pay more than what was owing to him for transport service, viz., 739*l.* 19*s.*; but the persons who were joined with him were sufficiently responsible for any proportion which their Lordships would not remit. Dated 30 May 1701.

Accompanied by—

A schedule of "the losses of the said John Hodgson, of Lancaster, merchant, p sea during the late warr with France."

And a certificate of his inability to pay more than he offered.

Minuted:—"20^th^ June 1701. The security being sufficient, my Lords are of opinion they cannot discharge the same." 3 *pages.*

May 30. 30. Report of Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Wm. Green, late receiver-general of Stafford, praying the lease of the estate of one Woodward extended for a debt of 2,841*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, with which money Woodward went off, advising that if there were a power to make void the lease, a new one might be granted. Dated 30 May 1701.

Accompanied by "the case of William Greene."

Also two notices as to a *caveat* against the grant proposed.

Minuted:—"18 July 1701. Respited." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 30. 31. Letter of the Earl of Macclesfield [to Mr. Lowndes], as to taking off the respites on the officers of his regiment, their case then being before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 30 May 1701.

A memorial and a letter about the same.

Minuted:—"Read to y^e^ K. 23 June 1701. It is not w^th^in y^e^ rules." 3 *small quarto pages.*

June 3. 32. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. They saw no objection to gratify the inhabitants of the town of Weymouth by the grant of the old walls and stones of Sandford Castle. Dated 3 June 1701.

Accompanied by: (1) Report of S. Travers, surveyor-general of the King's lands, and Sir Chr. Wren, surveyor-general of works, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Weymouth, finding that the repair of the bridge there would require a considerable sum, and that the petitioners were at great expense in preserving the harbour, and their trade was sensibly lessened of late years by decay of the bridge; in favour of their being allowed the walls and stones of an old block-house near the town, called Sandford Castle, of no value, except the Officers of Ordnance thought it ought to be rebuilt for defence of the nation; dated 14 May 1701; and (2), the petition (48 signatures).

Minuted:—"Send this to Off^rs^ Ordn. for their opinion."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 291, 11 June 1701:—[Petition] "Read and granted." 3 *pages.*

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June 4. 33. A report of Mr. J. Taylour, in relation to claims of Charles Atherton, serjeant plumber to His Majesty, the arrears of whose account extended over the reigns of Charles II. and James II. Dated 4 June 1701.

Also his petition, *minuted*:—"16 July 1700. To be brought in when ye officers of ye works are here." And memoranda of what was due to the petitioner, amounting to 1,641*l.* 4 *pages.*

[? About June 4.] 34. Petition of Lewis D'Allemagne, late cornet in the Duke of Schomberg's regiment of horse, showing that he was in the wars of Ireland, and after the battle of the Boyne the regiment was ordered to England and afterwards back to Ireland; praying to be allowed four months' pay, for which he was respited.

There is a memorandum on it, that it was "Brought in by ye King, 4 June 1701."

Also a certificate that the petitioner was actually with the Duke of Schomberg from June till October 1690.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 291, is:—"Lewis D'Allemagne. Ref. to Lord Coningsby." 1 *page and a few lines.*

June 4. 35. Report of the Officers of Works, approving the accompanying "estimate for building 2 new lodges, 2 new pair of gates, & 2 new horse gates at ye ends of ye great avenue in Jockey Park, a new brick bridge in ye same park, and an additionall building to ye studd stable in ye house park at Hampton Court." Dated 4 June 1701.

Minuted:—"To be done, but speak with Mr. Ryly." 2 *pages.*

June 4. 36. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial presented by Mons. Hoffman, resident from the Emperor of Germany, touching some wines imported from Hamburgh, on board the ship "Windmill;" informing their Lordships that the wines had been seized by the officers of Customs upon a clause in an Act of 14 Charles II., the officers maintaining that the wines were Rhenish, and the importer alleging that he bought them in the Emperor's dominions in Hungary, and brought them overland to Hamburgh; expressing their opinion that the case should be determined in the Court of Exchequer, the more so as it would encourage a trade supposed to be for the advantage of England, or if the wines were French this collusion might be crushed. Dated 4 June 1701.

Also the memorial. 2½ *pages.*

June 5. 37. Letter from Mr. Wm. Borrett (solicitor to the Treasury), to Wm. Lowndes, Esq. He understood he would be allowed no more than 400*l.* a year, by which he would be a loser, for he had left all other business; the Attorney-General knew this to be truth, and thought his case "something hard," and had promised to speak to their Lordships. The honest profits of the place were double the value of the salary; his predecessor had a salary of 200*l. per ann.*,

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1701. and all fees and allowances. He had saved the King 500*l.* since he had acted, and had ended a cause in two months, which had been pending eight years. He hoped they did not suspect he should encourage frivolous suits, as he had practised hitherto with reputation in a private capacity, and should not now act otherwise when the eyes of all the town were on him; asking him to countenance his memorial that he might have the half-year's salary due in April last, and that he might have some money to put an end to those expensive causes that had long depended, and were to be tried and heard the next term. Dated 5 June 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 269, 14 May 1701, is:—"My Lords agree on His Ma^ts^ behalfe with M^r^ Borret that he in lieu of all termly & other fees, and all allowances whatsoever, except such as he shall *bonâ fide* have paid out of his pocket to counsell or others, shall be allowed 400^li^ a year, from the time he entred into his office; and declare that coach hire or such like expences are not to be reckon'd amongst the monys w^ch^ he paies out of pocket." 1 *page.*

June 6. 38. Another letter from him on the same subjects. He adds that a great part of the last 400*l.* ordered him was paid to persons by their Lordships' particular directions. Dated 6 June 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., are various entries of issues of moneys to Mr. Borrett. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 6. 39. "Loans on the votes of the House of Commons, 1700–1, between 14 Feb. 1700–1 and 6 June following;" a paper so *docquetted*, being a balance sheet. 2 *pages.*

June 10. 40 and 41. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of New Windsor; finding that 10½ acres of meadow ground, held by Elizabeth Coombs, were taken to enlarge the Little Park, near Windsor Castle, and that he could not get any abatement of their demand (127*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*); they likewise insisted on 62*l.* 10*s.* for 2½ acres of meadow near the mill; they demanded 200*l.* for a parcel of waste, the soil whereof belonged to them as lords of the manor of Windsor "Underore," and he could by no means allow thereof, satisfaction having already been given to the inhabitants of Windsor for their right of pasture, and liberty of digging gravel there; yet in regard the inheritance of the soil was properly the petitioners, who had the advantage of all profits by "drift of cattle" on the waste, he thought they should be allowed 30*l.* He recommended the allowance to them also of 11*l.* for arrears of rent for Mrs. Coombs' farm and for a rent of 12*d. per ann.*, formerly paid by James Pereman for a piece of waste land.

There was also a demand of 30*l. per ann.* for rent for three years and a half, due from His Majesty for Windsor mill and the engine which raised the water to the Castle. Dated 10 June 1701.

The petition referred to, signed by the mayor, and four others, and a schedule of their demands. 2 *pages.*

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June 10. 42. Two proposals of Sir H. Furnese, and others, as to the terms for remittance of money to Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Dated 10 June 1701. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 11. 43. Another proposal on the same subject, by Francis de Caseres. Dated 11 June 1701. 8 *lines.*

June 11. 44. Another similar proposal, from "Sal & Moses de Medina." ½ *page.*

June 11. 45. A similar proposal, addressed to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., by Samuel Guiguer. Dated 11 June 1701. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 11. 46. Similar proposal of Sir John and Francis Eyles to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 11 June 1701.

Minuted:—"Read to y^e^ K. 11 June 1701. Accepted, provided they agree to this for 12 months."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. X., p. 291, 11 June 1701, is:—"Proposall of Sir John & Francis Eyles to give letters of credit for the forces designed for Holland, payable in Amsterdam or Rotterdam at sight, at the rate of eleaven gilders currant money for every pound sterling to be paid here on delivery of the letters of credit, is read and accepted, provided they agree to this for 12 months." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About June 11.] 47. Petition of Castilliana, Countess of Cavan, stating that on the Wednesday last she had presented a petition to the King, praying the royal bounty, and to bear her charges into Ireland; asking them to call for her petition, and lay her deplorable condition before His Majesty.

Minuted:—"To be lay'd before the King." *Again:*—"Read 11^th^ June 1701. The K. will give her 50*l.* more on condicon she goes for Ireland, and she must never expect more. Pd 20 June 1701." 1 *page.*

[? About June 11.] 48. Petition of Peter Guenon D' Beaubuisson to the Lords of the Treasury, for his salary as master of the setting dogs and private armoury, that he might be ready to attend His Majesty to Holland.

Minuted:—"Read 11^th^ June 1701. To be paid as farr as the Master of the Buckhounds."

"M^d^ the Master of y^e^ Buckhounds is paid to Xmas. 1700."

"M^r^ Beaubuisson is paid on his all. of 380*l.* *p ann.* to Xmas. 1699. One year to Xmas. 1700 is 380*li.*" 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 17. 49 and 50. Letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a copy of the letter of the Governors of the Chest at Chatham, by which it appeared that 27,942*l.* 2*s.* 4½*d.* were due to them, which would enable them to clear the pensions due to near 2,000 cripples, who were upwards of two years in arrear; as also "smart money" to such as should receive hurts; praying him to communicate the same to their Lordships. Dated 17 June 1701.

Also the copy of the letter. 2½ *pages.*

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June 17. 51. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Peter Saunders, of the city of Bristol, Esq., praying the discharge of a parcel of gold under seizure at Bristol, acquainting their Lordships that the coin (being 115 guineas, besides 85 pistoles, and Lewis d'ors), was found in the ship "William and Sarah," for Cork, and that the petitioner blamed his servant for the shipment of the specie as he had given instructions to him to change the guineas at Bristol for pistoles; expressing the opinion that the petitioner deserved favour. Dated 17 June 1701.

Minuted:—"Orderd according to y^e report."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

June 18. 52. A letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing another memorial relating to his office as Secretary at War, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 18 June 1701.

The memorial mentioned, which shows that in 1692 he was directed to attend the King in the Low Countries as Secretary of State, with an allowance of 2,300*l.* and 1,000*l.* additional for equipage, &c., which allowances were continued until the return of the army to England in 1697–8. In the next year, when attending the King into Holland, his salary was lessened to 1,000*l.*, which hardly defrayed his expenses. His attendance being required again under like circumstances, he prayed to be restored to his former allowances.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 291, 11 June 1701, is:—"M^r Blathwayt's mem^ll for his former allowance, &c. The King will allow him the 1,000^li for last year, 1700. "The King says he ought not to make such an equipage as in time of warr, and there is no room now out of contingencys. At p[rese]nt the King doth not see occasion for M^r Blathwayt to encrease his equipage, or for the King to encrease his allowance, but if there be a warr, the King will consider what occasion it will give for either." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 18. 53. Another memorial from him, showing that he had acquiesced in the King's settlement of the matter of his allowance, from the consideration that he could support his office, family, &c. out of his salary as Secretary at War, of which there were 18 months due, payable out of the poundage, besides 365*l.* upon the establishment, which last was entirely employed in payment of his clerks, &c. On application to the Earl of Ranelagh, his answer was that the poundage fell so short that there was nothing left of it, so that he was obliged to apply to His Majesty and their Lordships, "humbly conceiving that the execution of so painful an office as that of Secretary at Warr, may deserve so favourable a consideration that he may not want the payment of his said salary, whereof eighteen months are due." Dated on the back 18 June 1701.

Minuted:—"Read 23 June 1701. Speak w^th Lord Ranelagh about the poundage. But M^r Blathwayt must be paid some where." 1 *page.*

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June 18. 54. Letter of Sir Charles Hedges to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the cloth intended to be sent by the King to the King of Sweden, of which Monsieur Leyencrona, the King of Sweden's minister, required to know the price, and further, as to 4,000 barrels of gunpowder, also desired by the resident, to be sent. Dated 18 June 1701.

Minuted:—"Desire M^r Stratford to send an acco^t of the cloathing provided, and lay this paper before the K.

"Read 23 June 1701. My Lords to speak w^th the Board of Ordnance." 1 *page.*

June 19. 55. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon two petitions annexed, one of the merchants in general importing wines, and the other, the petition of John Prevost; the former praying a stop of all proceedings at law against them for these importations of wine from Spain, before the several ladings compounded for, were seized; and the latter praying a respite of execution of judgment upon a verdict obtained against him in the last term for 1,693*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*, for a like importation; advising that an easy composition would be for the public service if the petitioners would give security to abide by their Lordships' determination. Dated 19 June 1701.

Also the two petitions, one having a great number of signatures, and a bond. 5 *pages.*

[?About June 20.] 56. Petition of John Coxall, an alderman of the city of Lincoln, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be employed as receiver-general of the land tax in the parts of Kesteven and Holland.

Minuted:—"In case the agents be of opinion that Kent is not able to serve, my Lords will hearken to ye recommendacion of S^r T. Meers for ye pet^r, & and will speak w^th them again on Monday morn. 20 Jun. 1701." 1 *page.*

[About June 20.] 57. Petition of David Harris,* one of the pages of the King's bedchamber in ordinary, praying payment of his liveries, &c., amounting to 117*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*, he being commanded to attend the King into Holland.

Minuted:—"20^th June 1701. M^r Bland to state this. Read 23 June 1701. Nothing orderd." 1 *page.*

June 20. 58. Memorial of the Trustees appointed for exchanging Exchequer Bills, to the Lords of the Treasury: the subscriptions were opened on the 16th inst. and 500,000*l.* had been subscribed, and they desired their Lordships to sign the counterpart of the roll; they ask that an advertisement for calling in one-fifth part on the 25th of June or 14 days after, be inserted in the Gazette. [*Minuted:*—"Orderd $\frac{1}{10}$^th part.] Also they crave a warrant to pay 375*l.* 3*s.* due to the Usher of the Exchequer for stationery ware, &c. [*Minuted:*—"Orderd."] Dated 20 June 1701. 1 *page.*

* Described in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 3, 23 June 1701, as "a 7^th page of the bedchamber."

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June 21. 59. A warrant of the Earl of Jersey to the Earl of Montague, Master of the Great Wardrobe, for the delivery to Sir Robt. Sutton, Knt., the King's ambassador to the Emperor of the Turks, of a large bible of imperial paper without "sculpts," richly bound in two volumes, two common prayer books in folio, six in lesser folio, one altar-cloth of tissue and velvet pan'd, 20 ells of fine diaper for cloth for the altar and communion table, 10 ells of fine diaper for towels, two large surplices of fine holland, one cloth of state of crimson damask with His Majesty's arms embroidered thereupon, a great chair, two high stools, a footstool and two cushions suitable, all trimmed with gold and silver fringes and made up with cases of bays and a foot carpet of Turkey work. Dated 21 June, 13 Will. III.

With an order for the warrant to be executed. Dated 17 Feb. 1701–2. Signed by the Lords of the Treasury; and a memorandum that these articles had not been furnished out of the office of the Great Wardrobe. Dated 11 Feb. 1703. 1 *page.*

June 21. 60. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting an account of disbursements made by Nathaniel Lodington for the King's service. Dated 21 June 1701.

Also the account, which is for showing the Tripoli envoy His Majesty's naval stores at Deptford, Woolwich, &c.

Minuted:—"29 July 1701. My L^{ds} will lay this before ye King after His Mat^{ie} return."

Again:—"Read 12th Nov^{r} 1701. The K. does not think it reasonable for him to pay any part of his bill of 110^{li}." 2 *pages.*

[? About June 23.] 61. Memorial of the Lord Viscount Dupplin to the King, showing that there was due to him on a perpetuity of 1,000*l. per ann.*, granted to the Earl of Kinnoul, 18,000*l.* and upwards: praying payment.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the King. Read 23 June 1701. Halfe a year to be paid to him." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About June 23.] 62. A memorandum for the Lord Godolphine, signed by Gilbert Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, on a petition praying redress for 85*l.* 10*s.* detained out of the last half-year's payment of the revenue of the order. Signed by the Bishop [Burnet].

Minuted:—"Read 23th June 1701. The King will pay the taxes. P^{d} out sec. ser. 1st July 1701." 1 *page.*

[? About June 23.] 63. Petition of Sir Bevill Granville to the King, for the arrears of his father's annuity of 500*l.* a year (amounting to more than 8,000*l.*) besides bounty of 300*l.* a year, on account of his great sufferings for the Crown: praying the King, in consideration of his family and his early and faithful services, to grant him the same marks of his bounty as were intended for his father, and for a present supply.

Minuted:—"Read 23 June 1701. My Lords will speak wth him and give the King an acco^{t} next time."

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A reiteration of the petition. *Minuted*:—"Read 27 June 1701. 100li bounty. Pd."

The same minutes are in the *Minute Book*. 2 *pages*.

June 23. 64. A certificate which is thus described in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 2, 23 June 1701:—

"Sr H. Bellasyse, a certificate of Mr Robinson of money imprested by him to Sr Henry's regt, to wit, by imprest warrt to Mr Van Homrigh -	1,000li	
"More paid to Lt Collo Thomas Handasyd to make 1,000li English value, the present exchange 23 *per cent.* - - - - - -	1,230	
	2,230	
"This if repaid presently in England 1,000li Irish at 23 *p. c.* disct in London - - -	813	0 2
"1,230 Irish at 23 *p. cent.* disct - -	1,000	
	1,813	0 2

"A warrt to allow the two payments." 10 *lines*.

June 24. 65. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, sending by the King's command five papers which had been transmitted by the Council of New York, giving an account of the condition of the forces there, in relation to their subsistence and the great necessity they were likely to be reduced to, if speedy care were not taken: asking their Lordships' consideration and opinion. Dated 24 June 1701.

The papers were—

(1.) A detail of what took place at the Council on 5 March 1700–1, on the death of the Earl of Bellomont, and the orders made by the Council.

(2.) A proclamation on that occasion, confirming all officers in their employments.

(3.) Minutes of a Council held at Fort William Henry, 6 March 1700; as to the soldiers' subsistence at Albany, there being no public moneys in the Receiver-General's hands, Mr. Hendrick Hansen and Mr. Peter Van Brugh were to be asked to advance moneys or provisions.

(4.) Copy of the letter written to the two last persons. The Excise of Albany and Ulster counties was to be made over to them, and the Council desired their concurrence, as they would do a service to the province in the exigency, which would be thankfully acknowledged.

(5.) Copy of letter to the neighbouring Governors, announcing the death of Lord Bellomont. Dated 5 March 1700. 9 *pages*.

June 24. 66. "A view of the gross produce of His Majesty's revenue in Ireland in the two quarters ended at Midsommer." 1700 and 1701. 1 *page*.

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June 24. 67. A paper *docquetted*:—"The Excise distributed into branches for y^e^ year end[g] at Mids^r^ 1701."
Mere totals.
Another account containing:—"The gross and net produce of the revenue of Excise in the year end[ing] Mids. 1701 compared with the yeare end[ing] Mids. 1700." 2 *pages.*

June 24. 68. "An acco^t^ of y^e^ receipts and payments on the new subsidy (w^ch^ commenced from y^e^ 1^st^ Febry. '99) from Midsomer 1700 to Midsomer foll."
(Totals.) 6 *lines.*

June 24. 69. The opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor-General on the case of several merchants who were prosecuted for the duty on wine from St. Sebastian, imported as Spanish wine, but supposed to be French, viz., as to what the Lords of the Treasury could do by way of composition. It was that they might make such a composition as they thought proper in regard it was uncertain whether the King were entitled to the French duty, or whether he would ever recover the same. Dated in the docquet, 24 June 1701. 2 *pages.*

June 25. 70. Certificate of Mr. Willm. Vanbrugh to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the service performed by Mr. John Cocks, servant to the Council Chamber, admitting the truth that there was more than two years of arrears of pay due to him. Dated 25 June 1701.
Also his petition.
Minuted:—"Agreed to." 2 *pages.*

June 25. 71. Letter from the Com^rs^ of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the difficulty there was in subsisting the forces at New York, there being no provision but what they were obliged to advance weekly by private credit, and upon the omission of one week's subsistence the forces would all desert the garrisons and disperse. Recommending the continuance of Mr. Champante, the Earl of Bellomont's attorney, for the pay of the forces. Laying before their Lordships an account of the arrears due to the four companies at New York. Dated 25 June 1701.
The account mentioned.
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 16, 11 July 1701, is:—"The subs. of 4 comp^s^ at New York to be paid to M^r^ Champante upon security to be given by him for ye due applicacon thereof till further order." 3 *pages.*

June 26. 72. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Jennings, as to claims which ought to be allowed him on the settlement of his account. Dated 26 June 1701.
Minuted:—"Agreed to the report."
The petition and two affidavits. 5 *pages.*

June 27. 73. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that Thomas Gribble was employed by Henry

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Baker, Esq., several times to go to Calais, Dieppe, and other parts of France, and did considerable service to discover the owling trade; and to make a show of some trade, he brought over some parcels of wine and brandy, without payment of customs, on which a suit in the Exchequer was had, and a verdict for 500*l.* obtained. The King discharged the fine; 405*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* were deposited for the customs and other duties payable for the said goods. The Commissioners sought directions to deduct the charges. Dated 29 April 1701.

Also letter signed Richard Savage, addressed to "Richard Louns, Esq.," at the Treasury Chambers, authorizing the said charges, amounting to 238*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* to be deducted from the said 405*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* Dated 27 June 1701. 3 *pages.*

June 28. 74. Order in Council on the petition of several agents and others (deputed by the Com^rs^ authorized by Act of Parliament for preventing the exportation of wool), who had not obtained any reward for discoveries and seizures of wool which they had made, but had sustained the whole charges thereof, whereby they were ruined or imprisoned for debt: referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 28 June 1701.

The petition, which shows that there were many manufactures set up in France, and others lately set up in Scotland on the borders, which would ruin the woollen trade and lessen the revenue, being the only support of many thousands of poor families.

Minuted:—"25 July 1701. The affair being now manag'd p y^e^ Comm^rs^ of y^e^ Custome & their officers at a considerable charge to ye King, my L^ds^ cannot at p̄sent advise y^e^ increasing of y^t^ expense as is desired." 3 *pages.*

June 28. 75. List of pensions and annuities, and what was wanting to complete a year thereupon, within the year from Christmas 1700 to Christmas 1701. Dated 28 June 1701. 2½ *pages.*

June 28. 76. Representation by the Agents for bringing in Taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury; they had already set forth the many frauds and abuses to which the duties of houses and marriages were subject, as well as the remedies. They thought that it might tend very much to advance those duties if four officers were appointed as riding surveyors at 125*l.* *per annum* each, to control the other surveyors. Dated 28 June 1701.

Minuted:—"1 Aug^t^ 1701. Agreed." 1 *page.*

[End of June.] 77. Petition of Culverwell Needler, the clerk assistant, and John Hookes, George Coles, James Courthope, and Hickes Burrough, the four clerks "attending the Commissioners," addressed to the House of Commons, showing that they had been brought up to the law, and had faithfully performed their duties, that they had been obliged to lay aside their business, and the profits by private business to each of the four under clerks of this session were under 30*l.*; the House had recommended competent salaries to be provided: praying for further consideration.

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Minuted:—"4 July 1701. To be read when Mr Lowndes is present."

An order of the House of Commons that the preceding petition should be presented to His Majesty by the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 24 June 1701. Signed "Paul Jodrell, *cl. Dom. Com.*"

A letter of Culverwell Needler, who had been solicitor to the Commission for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, to William Lowndes, Esq., drawing his attention to the fact that the hawkers and pedlers were then subject to penalties for trading without license. Dated 30 June 1701.

At the foot is a schedule of "allowances to officers of ye 2 Houses of Parliamt." 3 *pages.*

[? About June.] 78. Petition of Robert Earl of Roscomon to the King, showing that Wentworth, Earl of Roscommon, had made away with the petitioner's grandfather's estate of about 5,000*l. per ann.*, and as his father's income (Cary, the late Earl) ceased at his death, he was left in circumstances too cruel to be mentioned; praying for a pension for the support of an ancient family, and the petitioner's lady and children.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 8, 2 July 1701, is:—"Robert Earl of Roscomon to have 100l a year out of ye revenue of Ireld. (pursuant to the King's pleasure signified to ye E. of Rochester), from Midsomer last till some other provision is made for him, prepare a s[ign] m[anual]."

And at p. 15:—11 July 1701. A warrant for 100l a year was read, approved, and ordered to be sent to the King. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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July 2. 1. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Fryth, collector of Excise, as to the delivery to the officers of the Mint at Chester of 1,481 ounces of silver hammered money to be recoined; expressing the opinion that he ought to have credit for the same, and if there had been any private dealings between Mr. Fryth and the officers of the Mint, the differences (if any) between them ought to be determined by law or otherwise, and not to interfere with these public payments which relate only to the revenue. Dated 2 July 1701.

Minuted:—"Referr this to ye officers of ye Mint, & desire them to speed their report."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

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[? About July 4.] 2. Memorial of Lord Coningsby, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had abstracted, out of the many petitions relating to arrears due to the three late French regiments of foot, all such as had personally appeared with their accounts stated and certified, who then remained to be satisfied and were very importunate to be paid; giving the names and amounts due.

Minuted:—"Read 4th July 1701. My Lords direct that such money as shall come into the Exchequer for ayds given for the late warr, wch are now at liberty, shall be reserved towards satisfying the within mencioned sum of 1,109*l.* 0*s.* 10$d\frac{1}{4}$." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 3. Petition of the sworn clerks of the Pipe Office for payment of an ancient fee of 9*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* every second year out of the Exchequer, viz., from Mich. 1692 to Mich. 1700.

Also certificate, signed "Halifax," in corroboration of the petition.

Minuted:—"4 July 1701. Ordered." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

[? About July 4.] 4. [*Docquetted:*]—"The petition of Wm Tagg, praying a salary or such other allowance as yor Lops. shall think fit for his keeping ye door leading out of ye privy garden towards ye Cock Pit at Whitehall."

Minuted:—"4 July 1701. Mr Tailour to pay him 10li."

Also copy of a certificate, signed William Vanbrugh, in corroboration of the petition." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 4.] 5. Memorial of the Officers of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Oxford's regiment, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they were promised 15*l.* a horse towards remounting the soldiers to recruit the forces in Flanders in 1693, but at the next muster the money was not paid, and when the money was ordered, it was in tallies, and the discount made it come to 11*l.* 4*s.* a horse, they having cost 15*l.* 18*s.* and 20*l.* a horse in addition to their keep. Praying that the respites might be taken off to relieve them.

Minuted:—"4 July 1701. Respited." 1 *page.*

July 5. 6. *Docquetted:*—"July 5, 1701. Officers of ye works, their report about Mr Wise's estimates for ye privy garden at Hampton Court."

Minuted:—"Lre writ 18th July 1701, for paying 1,426li 4s & 4d by 75l per week, from the time that 1,443. 6. 3. is satisfyd out of 100li per week formerly ordered for ye extys."

Also:—"The estimate of sinking, carting of, and new makeing ye privie garden according to a modell that His Majestye last ordered and concluded on ye 16th of June 1701, with ye sinkeing for ye borders and a depth to lay on earth for grass." 2 *pages.*

[? About July 5.] 7. "The case of Margaret Countess Dowager of Marleburough."

In 1672 the King granted to William Earl of Marlborough and his Lady, for life, a share of the profits of uncustomed and prohibited goods, which generally amounted to 700*l.* or 800*l.* a year, as

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well for the support of their dignity as in consideration of the merits of their family, and in consideration of the surrender of a patent by which they had an interest in the Caribbee Islands. She was "the only relict" of Lee, Earl of Marlborough, who was Lord Treasurer of England, and had deferred applying till the end of the war, but then sought for His Majesty's bounty for food and raiment. She was above 60 years of age and very infirm.

Minuted :—" 50li for C. M. Pd 5th July 1701." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 7. 8. Report of Mr. Wm. Borrett, [Treasury Solicitor], to the Lords of the Treasury, on the demands made by Mr. Randolph for promoting a bill in parliament for reuniting to the Crown the government of several colonies and plantations in America; observing that as it was a public bill, the officers of the House of Lords ought not to have had any fees, but the sums were actually paid, &c., making 96*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, of which Mr. Borrett had advanced 30*l.* Dated 7 July 1701.

Also a schedule of the expenses referred to.

Minuted:—" Mr Borrett to pay the rest of Mr Randolph's bill." 4 *pages.*

July 7. 9. " Charges of a privy seal for Recr Genll of iij s. ayd."

Minuted :—" Pd 7 July 1701."

Also charges in passing three privy seals, viz., Loans on the Poll, Do. on the coals, and for appointing receivers-general of the Poll. 2 *pages.*

July 7. 10. Mr. Secretary Vernon's memorandum as to the Lords of the Treasury directing the Commissioners of the Navy to adjust with the Prize Office the number, value, &c. of the prize ships taken into the Navy during the war Dated 7 July 1701. *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

July 7. 11. Memorial of the Comrs for licensing Hawkers, Pedlers, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, offering their opinions as to the cause of the decrease of the duties on hawkers and pedlers :—

(1.) The justices had not levied the penalties.

(2.) They had given certificates to persons that they were makers or agents, which serve as a protection from the penalty for not having a licence.

(3.) No persons were employed to ride about the country to apprehend and prosecute traders without licence.

They offer to their Lordships' consideration whether the judges should be directed to mention in their charges that the justices, &c. should be more diligent in enforcing the Act.

They also lay before their Lordships a list of the officers allowed by them upon the former Act; and they recommend the appointment of Richard Harrington from the Transport Office as a messenger. [*Minuted* :—" Agreed."] Dated 7 July 1701.

Minuted:—" 8 July 1701. On Fryday morning next."

Again :—" Speak wth my Lord Keeper."

Further :—" Mr Glanville to attend wth it on Tuesda." 2 *pages.*

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July $\frac{8}{19}$. 12. A letter to Mr. Lowndes, *docquetted* :—"From Mr Blathwayt, $\frac{8}{19}$ July 1701, signifying His Mat[t]y pleasure for restoring Lord Dartmouth to his pencion in Cofferer's Office." It was to be paid him on the Exchequer list. Dated Hague, $\frac{8}{19}$ July 1701. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 9. 13. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the proposal of Mr. Samuel Davis for coining small money in the plantations, expressing the opinion that the plantations in America were in great want of small money, but that the coinage of it should be as near as might be of the intrinsic value which the metal bore in the several plantations, and that the small money should be of coarse copper, such as the half-pence were coined of here, that there might be less temptation to counterfeit them, and that the pieces should have different marks on them to prevent their coming back into England. Dated 9 July 1701.

Minuted :—"1 Aug[t] 1701. Desire the Com[rs] of Trade to consider the whole."

Accompanied by the proposal, which contains the following remarks :—"The least piece of money comonly current in the islands and colonys upon the continent of America is seven pence halfe penny, viz[t], an 8[th] part of a piece of eight, which puts y[e] inhabitants to y[e] necessity of carrying sugar and tobacco upon their backs to barter for little common necesssarys.

"This inconveniency cannot be remedyed by sending such farthings and half pence as are used in England, because they will be picked up and sent back for returns, especially from the continent, where returns of goods often fall short, and 30*li. per cent.* will be got by sending back such farthings and half pence, the value of English money being so much more than the value of American money upon the continent.

"The proper remedy is to coin halfe pence and pence of copper, or a mixt metall, and of half the value [of which] the English small money is made, with several mottoes or devices for y[e] severall colonys, and to order them to pass only in the respective colonys for which they shall be appointed, viz., one sort for all the colonys upon the continent, another sort for the island of Barbadoes, a 3[d] sort for Jamaica, and a 4[th] sort for all the Leeward Islands." 2 *pages*.

July 10. 14. "Account of the whole expence of Capt. De la Val's negotiation for the redemption of captives, with the charge of the Morocco agents to this 26 Dec[r] 1700 (being exclusive of what must be paid for the said captives' redemption, & the weekly subsistence of 15[li] *per* week to the said agents from this time)."

The 15*l. per* week is added at the foot from 26 Dec. 1700 to 10 July 1701, and altogether the amount was 4,963*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 11. 15. A docquet of a privy seal, viz., for a grant and licence to William Yarnold and Robert Watson to raise water out of the river Ravensborne, which runs between the manors of East Greenwich

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At the foot is a memorandum, signed by the Lords of the Treasury, that they had been made acquainted with it. Dated 11 July 1701.

Indorsed: — "Docq^tt for the R^t Hono^ble the Lord Keeper." 1 *page.*

[? About July 11.] 16. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Right Hon. the Lord Godolphin, relating what took place at a committee of the Lords of the Council when Captain Delavall was appointed to undertake a voyage for the redemption of the captives in Morocco. He was to have 500*l.*, viz., 300*l.* at his going out, and the remainder on his return.

Minuted:—"11^th July 1701. A signe manuall for 200^li for Capt. De la Val."

Again:—"Read 8^th Apr. 1702. To be laid before y^e Queen." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 14. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Philips, deputy customer and collector at Llanelly in the county of Carmarthen, praying, in consideration of age and indisposition, to be allowed to resign his office to John Philips, his nephew; they state that they had given instructions to the customer of Milford to examine him and take the oath of the petitioner, James Philips, that the resignation was for friendship and affection to his nephew, without the expectation of any pecuniary reward, and that he had so examined him, and taken the oath, and spoke entirely in his favour, and they had nothing to object to the arrangement. Dated 14 July 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 2 *pages.*

July 14. 18. Report of Mr. William Vanbrugh to the Lords of the Treasury, on a presentment of the Com^rs of Excise, which requested the detention of the salary of Richard Poyke, a King's messenger in ordinary, who was indebted to the Excise, and who had assigned the same, viz., that there remained 24*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* to be paid on the assignment, &c. Dated 14 July 1701.

Also the presentment. 2 *pages.*

July 15. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ralph Jackson, who was a collector of Excise, viz.: on malt, and leather, who had been very negligent and careless in his accounts, and had endeavoured to deceive, &c.; they found he was indebted to the King 587*l.* 7*s.* 2½*d.*, and though he was poor, his securities had sufficient estates. Dated 15 July 1701.

Also the petition, which is *Minuted:*—"15^th July 1701. He must pay the money." 3 *pages.*

July 15. 20. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a report upon the petition of William Paine, relating to

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brandy seized by some of the officers of the Customs, which was alleged to have been bought from the officers of the Excise, after having been condemned by the laws of Excise. Dated 15 July 1701.

Minuted :—"Read 15 July 1701. To be left to law."

The report referred to.

Mr. Henry Baker's report.

John Beverton's account of what passed in relation to the seizure of the brandies.

The petition of the said William Paine, of the Isle of Thanet in the county of Kent, merchant.

The opinion of Sir Thomas Trevor, Attorney-General, as to the exhibition of informations before the justices or in the Exchequer, all in relation to the said brandy. 11½ *pages.*

July 15. 21. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and affidavit of Bennet Martin, late collector of Excise. They were of opinion that he lost the money as stated. Divers collectors had had allowance for robberies on the highways in the daytime, the case of the petitioner did not materially differ from them, and it was not unreasonable to allow him the sum claimed. Dated 15 July 1701.

Minuted :—"To be allowd."

Also the petition and affidavit. 3 *pages.*

July 15. 22. Report of Mr. Travers, Surveyor-General, supplementary to a former report on a petition of the Dean and Canons of Windsor. He had viewed the premises in that report mentioned as proposed by Mr. Dalton as an equivalent for the inheritance of an annual rent of 48*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* desired by the Dean and Canons to be conveyed to them in satisfaction for parcels of their land, &c., taken into the King's hands. The surveyor then sets out a valuation of the property, which consisted of tenements in Pall Mall Street, a piece of ground near St. James's Street, and the Old Dog Tavern at Westminster. Dated 15 July 1701.

Minuted :—"Agreed. But it cannot be done without an Act of Parl."

Also a petition from the Dean and Canons to the Lords of the Treasury, to obtain the consent of the King that an Act of Parliament should pass for the confirmation of the agreements between the above persons.

Minuted :—"To be layd before ye K. w^th the new proposal of the surv^r." 3 *pages.*

July 16. 23. Letter from the Navy Office to Mr. Lowndes, about the navy debt, enclosing copy of a letter from one Humphrey Jones, desiring that certain tallies and orders might be paid away; asking directions. Dated 16 July 1701. 2½ *pages.*

July 17. 24. Report of T. Done, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the deputy chamberlains for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer, certifying that there had usually been allowed

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them for joining and entering the tallies relating to the revenue of Customs, 2*s.* for every 1,000*l.*, and on 1,381,726*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* paid in, it would amount to 138*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* Dated 17 July 1701.

Minuted :—"25 July 1701. Ordered."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 17. 25. Letter signed Robert Markham, to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to read the enclosed, and cause them to be read to their Lordships, that he might be employed to get in what would otherwise be lost. Dated 17 July 1701.

There are *now* enclosed :—

(1.) Report of the Com^rs^ for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, on the petition of Robert Markham, praying that he might be appointed to inquire into the sufficiency of the securities that should be taken from hawkers and pedlers, showing that there were several poor, ancient, and decrepid people, whose trading stocks varied from 20*s.* to 5*s.*, who by the Act were obliged to take licences. If they had not had licences on paying the first 40*s.* and such security as they could procure, they must have perished, and the first payment would have been lost. Mr. Culverwell Needler had been appointed their solicitor, and was very diligent in recovering the money due on the bonds, but many remained unpaid, the persons giving false names. If appointed, Mr. Markham might recover some of what was unpaid.

Minuted :—"Read 1 July 1701. Its creating a new office."

(2.) The petition referred to.

(3.) Another petition, representing more particularly what Mr. Markham proposed to do if appointed.

Minuted :—"25 July 1701. The Com^rs^ & M^r^ Nedler take care of these matters already."

(4.) A similar but more brief petition from him. 6 *pages.*

July 17. 26. Letter by order of the Lords Justices, laying a memorial of Lord Lucas before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 17 July 1701.

Also the memorial referred to, showing that at the time of the great coinage, the Mint being much straitened for room, the King commanded some of the barracks to be delivered for that purpose; but then there was no use made of them; praying that they might be returned and fitted up for the soldiers, who, for want of room, were crowded three into a bed.

Minuted :—"29^th^ July 1701. To be carryed in on Fryday when L^d^ Lucas & officers of y^e^ Mint attend."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 32, 1 Aug. 1701, is :—"Lord Lucas & officers of y^e^ Mint concerning some buildings & ground in ye Mint, w^ch^ formerly was in possession of ye Gov^r^. The officers say the sweep of ye great coynage is there, but wilbe cleared in a few months' time, & then my Lord may be accomodated. My Lords direct them to hasten ye making up of ye sweep." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 18. 27. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the same allowances to be made for collecting the duties on coal and culm as were made by warrant of 19 Sept.

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1699, upon the presentment of 21 Aug. 1699, during the continuance of the duty. Dated 18 July 1701.
Minuted:—"Orderd." 1¼ *pages.*

July 18. 28. Memorial of the Com^rs for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, concerning the establishment of officers. Dated 18 July 1701. 1 *page.*

[? About July 18.] 29. Petition of Col. Rous, to the Lords of the Treasury, to be allowed the money laid out by him for fire and candle supplied to the garrison of Upnor.
Minuted:—"18 July 1701. The regulacon for fire & candle is not yet made." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July $\frac{18}{29}$. 30. Letter from Mr. William Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, acknowledging the receipt of two warrants for the payment of 600*l.* and 138*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, to Lord Fairfax, on his pension of 600*l.* a year on the establishment of the forces; the King had not come to a determination on them. He had likewise laid before His Majesty the petition of Mr. George Barret, late town major of Hull, for six years' allowance of 4*s.* a day due to him, which the King referred to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Hague, $\frac{18}{29}$ July 1701. 1½ *pages.*

[? About July 18.] 31. Petition of Capt. Henry Browne to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that when the King came to Torbay he went to raise what men he could, but was betrayed by his ensign, who went away with some of them to be lieutenant in King James's army, then at Salisbury; the petitioner fled for his life, and lost about 200*l.* After that he was appointed Marshal General, and went to the Downs or to Deal to apprehend Capt. Gibbines, who had killed Capt. Morton of the marines; and one Robinson, an Irishman, who came from King James, taking advantage of his absence, obtained an order to be marshal, when the petitioner had served four years, and spent between 300*l.* and 400*l.* for servants and prisoners. He was then in danger of prison and utter ruin: praying to be employed in His Majesty's Customs.
Minuted:—"18 July 1701. Not granted." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About July 18.] 32. Petition of John Peters, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury. Upon search in the public offices he found that the concealments mentioned in his former petition had been already granted away. He was then reduced to the lowest extremity, but was informed that there were several reversions, &c. in the King's gift, as well as large commons and wastes belonging to His Majesty's lordships and manors, which if improved might be of advantage to the King, and not prejudice the persons who claimed right of common: praying directions to be given to the Receiver-General to receive proposals from the petitioner, in order to a grant to be made to him.
Minuted:—"18 July 1701. When he has any proposicon to make, he must offer it here, in order to be referr'd." 1 *page.*

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[? About July 18.] 33. Petition of Michael Hubert, serjeant porter to His Majesty, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying the payment of six years' arrears due to him on an allowance of 52*l. per ann.* for giving up to the Lord Almoner several rooms in the palace of Whitehall, adjoining the gate, and which belonged to the petitioner's office.
Minuted:—"18 July 1701. The King has forbid my L^ds^ to pay any lodging mony." 1 *page.*

[? About July 18.] 34. Petition of Edward Hodges, butcher, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to stop the amount of his bill (5*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*) out of the half pay of Capt. Uriah Bruerton, late in Col. Sanderson's regiment of foot.
Accompanied by the bill.
Minuted:—"18 July 1701. My L^ds^ do not think it proper for them to intermeddle." 3 *pages.*

[? About July 18.] 35. Petition of Henry Ayloffe, Esq., His Majesty's remembrancer of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a warrant to receive the arrears of an ancient fee of 55*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, as well as for the time to come, due to him as remembrancer, amounting to 670*l.*, viz., from the King's accession.
Minuted:—"18 July 1701. Two yeares to be p^d^." 1 *page.*

July 21. 36. Certificate of the delivery out of the jewel-house of plate to the value of 3,084*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, by two indentures to the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, one as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary for a general peace, and the other as ambassador to France. Dated 21 July 1701. 1 *page.*

July 22. 37. Report of R. Barker, the King's deputy remembrancer, on the petition of the Rt. Hon. the Lady Diana Howard, relict and executrix of Thomas Howard, Esq., deceased, as to the cancelling of the bonds of Thomas Howard's securities. Dated 22 July 1701.
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 22. 38. Sick and wounded seamen. An account of payments to be made out of a remaining part of 20,000*l.* Delivered to the Lords of the Treasury 22 July 1701. 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

July 23. 39. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Kent, touching 89*l.* 13*s.* expended by the sheriff of Southampton in prosecution and recovery of 865*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* from Anthony Burrard, Esq., then a member of Parliament, due from him for duties on salt; in favour of the allowance of the same, or some part thereof. Dated 23 July 1701.
Also the petition.
Minuted:—"1 Aug^t^ 1701. 89^li^ 13^s^ to be allow'd." 4 *pages.*

July 23. 40*a.* Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wm. Clayton, praying that on payment of 1,000*l.* certain bonds given by the securities of Andrew Clayton, a collector

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of Excise, might be given up, and the judgments thereon discharged: recommending that the terms of the petition should be accepted in discharge of Andrew Clayton's debt. Dated 23 July 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 3 *pages.*

July 24. 40*b*. Letter of R. Yard to the Lords of the Treasury, dated 24 July 1701, inclosing the following petition, and recommending the petitioner as an object of compassion.

Petition of John Crowne, Esq., to the Lords Justices of England. The petitioner's father, William Crowne, Esq., purchased a large and fertile province in America, called Penobscot, lying between Nova Scotia and New England, and joining to both. He possessed it until the year 1668, when King Charles II. delivered up Nova Scotia and Penobscot to the French, whereupon he was turned out without compensation. His present Majesty has been all his reign in possession of the province. The petitioner had previously sought for redress and was referred to the Com^rs for trade and plantations, who admitted his claims. Their report was read before the King in the Privy Council, and Mr. Secretary Vernon ordered to take care of it, which was all that was done, and the petitioner was almost in want of bread; beseeching for something for present support, and for recommendation for further charity and bounty, "neither of which can be displeasing to His Majesty, a just and gracious Prince who, for all regall virtues, is greatly fam'd and belov'd by all."

Minuted:—"8 Aug^t 1701. Fifty pounds. Paid out of Sec. Ser. 9^th Aug. 1701." 2 *pages.*

July 25. 41. Letter signed Lawrence Galdy and Company, without address, proposing the terms upon which they would pay 3,000*l.* a month at Jamaica for six months, viz., they would receive 3,000*l.* at London, on 1 Sept., and pay at Jamaica on 1 Nov., 3,450*l.* of the current money of Jamaica, and if they did not put the price above 15 *per cent.* it was because the rumour of war made less business, and rendered money more scarce at Jamaica. Dated London, 25 July 1701. [*French.*] 1 *page.*

[? About July 25.] 42. Petition of Andrew Hamilton and Robert West to the Lords of the Treasury. The petitioners were assignees of the post in North America, and had petitioned the King to purchase their interest, or grant them a further term to enlarge and support the undertaking; their Lordships were then of opinion that the King should not purchase but grant a further number of years. The petitioners represent that the establishment of posts in all the plantations would be a great advantage to trade, and of equal security to those parts in cases of invasion or insurrection, but could not be settled without an Act of Parliament. They pray that [in the event of] an Act being obtained their Lordships would recommend them for a grant of 21 years to be added to their interest in the North American post, and for a grant of 1,000*l.* out of money proposed to be raised to settle the post through Maryland and Virginia.

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Minuted:—"25 July 1701. My Lords adhere to their former resolution by w^ch^ y^e^ pet^rs^ are left to make ye best of their patent." 1 *page.*

[? About July 25.] 43. Petition of Thomas Adams, Esq., barrister-at-law, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the King and Queen, by the advice of their Lordships, had granted the stewardship of the courts within the dissolved monastery of St. Mary's, near the walls of the city of York, to Benjamin Norcliff, sen., in trust, who, by age and decay of memory, was incapable of discharging his trust, and had also ill-demeaned himself, as by a petition of the freeholders, &c. appeared; praying for a warrant appointing him to the office.

Minuted:—"25 July 1701. Ref. to ye Survey^r^ Gen^ll^." 1 *page.*

[? About July 25.] 44. Petition of Martin Perse, gent., to the King, showing that he went to Ireland in 1683, and was appointed surveyor of the Customs at Kinsale, and removed thence to Limerick, and was then preferred to Dungarvan, where he detected and prevented the conveyance of combed wool to France, that he continued there till the arrival of King James in Dublin, but was soon after dismissed for being a Protestant, and merely on that score was a great sufferer (amongst many others), as well by long imprisonment as losing his horses and most of his goods by the Irish; that he came to England to solicit for a Navy debt of 764*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, owing from the Crown to him, as heir and executor of John Chudleigh, who was purser of His Majesty's ships "Bonadventure" and "Reserve;" that in 1686–7 he came to London, and stayed there a year, about the same, and got five Navy bills for that debt. In 1690 he petitioned, and the Lords of the Admiralty reported that the debt was justly due; the petitioner was recalled to Dublin and appointed collector of the port, &c. of Tralee. The petitioner had a fit of sickness and a considerable loss out of the cash he had received, and was a debtor thereupon for 200*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*, which he was unable to pay, and proposed to the Com^rs^ at Dublin to respit his payment until he had endeavoured to obtain his Navy debt, but the Com^rs^ appointed another collector. In May 1695 he came to London to obtain the Navy debt, and had waited about London for six years without any employment. Also there was an order to the Com^rs^ of the Navy, dated 6 Dec. 1700, to assign all such Navy bills to be paid out of certain tallies on a deficient fund, yet that order was not executed, nor did the Com^rs^ of the Navy give any encouragement as to when it would be performed; praying that further directions might be given that he might be discharged of the balance one way or other, and that he might be resettled in employment.

Minuted:—"25 July 1701. Speak to ye Com^rs^ of ye Navy ab^t^ this next time."

Also copies of four documents corroborating his petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 29.] 45. Petition of William Lowin, keeper of New Lodge, in Windsor Forest, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the lodge might

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be repaired, as it had suffered by the severity of the last winter's snow and tempestuous weather.

Minuted:—"29 July 1701. Ref. to Mr Ryley." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 46. Petition of Anne Bowtell, widow of William Bowtell, late of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her husband was formerly employed in the redemption of English captives, and there remained 204*l.* due to the petitioner; praying an order for the payment thereof.

Minuted:—"29 July 1701. 50li to be paid her." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 47. Petition of David Batigné, agent to the Marquis de Miremont's regiment of dragoons, praying payment of 121*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for the pay of surgeon's mate to the regiment when they were first established in Flanders, from 1 Jan. 1695–6 to 27 Aug. 1698, the time they embarked for Ireland, which sum the petitioner had advanced.

Indorsed:—David Batigné, 29 July 1701.

Minuted:—"There is no fond for this." 1 *page.*

[? About July 29.] 48. Petition of Richard Long, late commander of His Majesty's ship "Rupert," Prize, showing that he had already laid before their Lordships his account of disbursements about that ship, wherein he was creditor about 78*l.*, and although he had not brought a present treasure into the nation, yet if there should happen a war with Spain it would be proved that he had done the nation a great service, and some material things which were never known in England before were then lying before His Majesty which would not be convenient to be publicly known.

In this service the petitioner did not spare pains or "fear his life" in venturing among the several sorts of Indians. About 18 years before, when Dampier went with the privateers to the South Seas, the Darien Indians piloted them over, but soon after war broke out with the English, and many were killed since; but the petitioner had been the first to make peace with them, and with others in those parts of Darien. Their Lordships would consider what great service these Indians do His Majesty, in case of war, in piloting into the country and up rivers, all which are plainly "cald" out in the petitioner's journals, presented to their Lordships; praying the payment of the balance of 50*l.* due to him out of 200*l.*

Minuted:—"29 July 1701. My Lds cannot put ye King to any further charge in this matter." 1 *page.*

July 29. 49. Letter from Mr. William Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had read to His Majesty the letter relating to his salary as Secretary at War out of the poundage of the army, and His Majesty commanded him to signify his pleasure that such part of the poundage as was in the hands of the Earl of Ranelagh applicable to his salary should be paid for the last year's salary of 1,000*l.*, and what was wanting should be paid out of the civil list, or the whole

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out of the civil list, for this payment only. After which His Majesty thought fit to have the poundage examined into in order to place his salary or pension on it for the future. Dated Dieren, 29 July 1701, S. V.

Minuted:—"Speak to Lord Ranelagh." See also Vol. LXXII., No. 22. 2 *pages.*

July 29. 50. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, directing 200*l.* to be repaid to Mr. Reeves, a merchant of Rotterdam, who had advanced the same to the Marquis of Carmarthen. The money to be paid out of secret service money as bounty to the Marquis. Dated Loo, 29 July 1701, S. V.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 35, 5 Aug. 1701, is:—"200*l.* out of sec. service money is to be p̃d to M^{r} Reeves or his order, M^{r} Povey." 1 *page.*

July 29. 51. Letter from the same to the same, stating that Mr. King, the "deputy garter," had written him a letter, enclosed, but he had not mentioned it to His Majesty because he had heard nothing of the business from the Treasury where it ought to arise. He had notified this to Mr. King, and that he would be wanted at Hanover, Lord Macclesfield being on his journey. Dated Loo, 9 Aug. 1701, S. N.

From the *docquet* it appears he was appointed to go with the garter to the Elector of Hanover. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 30. 52. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for stating, adjusting, and clearing the debts for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war; giving a brief account of the nature of their labours, and asking the allowance of 1,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for their salaries, which *item* was postponed in the last distribution. Dated 30 July 1701.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 34, 5 Aug. 1701, is:—"M^{r} Addison. The mem^{ll} for 3 years sallarys is read. My Lords tell him they canot consider their past services till such time as the acco^{ts} are passd, except 1,100^{li}, which is the third part of the sum for them layd before ye parliam^{t}." 1 *page.*

July 30. 53. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Edward Fox and the officers of the regiment under his command. There was wanting at present to clear the officers pretensions for pay, passage, or bounty money, &c., 8,817*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* [12*l.* was paid for each officer's passage from the West Indies, and 5*l.* for each non-commissioned officer's and soldier's passage.] Dated 30 July 1701.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"1st Aug^{t} 1701. To speake to Lord Ranelagh next time he attends."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 41, 20 Aug. 1701, is:—"M^{r} Clark acquaints my Lords of a complaint of Coll. Fox against my Lord Ranelagh, relating to money due to his reg^{t} for subsistence & otherwise. M^{r} Paunceford called in, tells the Lords that some part

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of the Collo's demands will be satisfyd out of the tallys now striking in Lord Ranelagh's name on low wines, &c., and as to the rest it will have its proporcon out of the 40,000*l.* given for the exceeding of last year." 3 *pages.*

July 30. 54. Memorial of the Officers of the Works to the Lords of the Treasury, setting out how the weekly payments, appropriated by several orders, were disposed of; viz.:

300*l.* a week to clear the debt to Christmas 1699, and carry on the works at the Tower of London, Whitehall, Cockpit, St. James's, Westminster, Greenwich, Winchester, Newmarket, and Audley End.

10*l.* a week to Mr. Verrio, for paintings at Windsor.

200*l.* a week for new works at the House at Hampton Court, and to pay a debt of 11,000*l.*

200*l.* a week for the gardens (including clearing the river).

The 200*l.* a week, which was allowed upon several works in the gardens, was taken off at Christmas last, and left a debt of 4,315*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* This stops the works in the gardens which should be done in His Majesty's absence. Dated 30 July 1701.

Minuted:—"To be considered."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 38, 8 Aug. 1701, is:—"The 100*l.* a week in ye scheme beginning 3 7br next is to be issued to ye works & applyed to pay 4,315*l.* 8*s.* 1¾*d.* due to plumbers" [and other workmen] "for works in ye gardens done under ye inspection of Mr Tallman." 1 *page.*

July 30. 55. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Cook, who had, in October 1692, bought 98,752 lbs. weight of pepper of the Old East India Company, which had been imported by them in October 1691. The petitioner sought to recover 1,440*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* for drawbacks on the re-shipment. The Comrs did not object to the payment of the value of the debenture if their Lordships (to prevent further litigation) would order payment of the money by special warrant upon cancelling the debenture. Dated 30 July 1701.

Also the report of J. Bridges, the solicitor to the Comrs of Customs, on the same. 8 *pages.*

July 31. 56. Proposal of Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu, Knight, for the exchange of money from London to Jamaica, for the service of His Majesty's forces there, viz., for every 100*l.* sterling paid him in London he would give bills payable in Jamaica at 30 days sight for 120*l.* current money of Jamaica. Dated 31 July 1701. 1 *page.*

July. 57. Memorial by the Comrs for adjusting, stating, and clearing the debt for the sick and wounded seamen and prisoners at war, asking their Lordships to "direct" 6,232*l.* 8*s.* 10¾*d.* due to complete 20,000*l.* granted by parliament; and it should be forthwith dis-

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tributed by them "with the same general satisfaction and without the least trouble" to their Lordships. Dated July 1701.

Also an account. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 1. 58. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Anderson and Edward Edwards. The report states that their Lordships had ordered them 50*l.* towards the trial of persons on the borders of Scotland who had carried wool into Scotland, two of whom were convicted in a penalty of 876*l.* Certifying in favour of allowing them their bill of charges, amounting to 52*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, in addition to what they had received. Dated 1 Aug. 1701.

Also two petitions of the above persons, and two copies of the bill of charges.

One of the petitions is *minuted*:—"1 Aug^{t} 1701. My L^{ds} order 50^{li} to be p^{d} by M^{r} Baker to ye pet^{rs}." 6 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 1.] 59. Petition of Robert Cony to the Lords of the Treasury. His father, John Cony, who died in Aug. 1699, was surgeon to the marine regiment commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen, and for want of his name and his mates name being given in, their payment was not ordered with the rest, and there remained due to them 263*l.* 13*s.* Praying for payment.

Minuted:—"1 Aug^{t} 1701. To be consider'd when y^{e} acco^{t} is made up." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 1.] 60. Petition of Daniel Gates, of Millford near Lymington, in the county of Southampton, sailmaker, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had the misfortune to live under the collection of Mr. Thomas Parish, collector for salt duties, who had forged several bonds on the petitioner and returned them into the Excise office to his utter ruin. Praying their Lordships to give directions.

Minuted:—"1 Aug^{t} 1701. Ref. to Com^{rs} Excise." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 1.] 61. Petition of Henry Powell, purveyor of Hampton Court, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the building and repair of certain barns there.

Also an estimate.

Minuted:—"1 Aug^{t} 1701. No rep^{t} yet made. Refer to officers of ye works." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Aug. 1.] 62. Petition of Nathaniel Bowles, assay master, Francis Cooke, weigher and teller, John Loyd, surveyor of the meltings and clerk of the irons, and John Low, polisher of the dies, late officers employed in the Mint at Bristol, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the Act which appointed the Mint at Bristol expired on 24 June 1699, but they continued their duties till September; praying for their pay till Michaelmas 1699, as had been allowed to other officers.

Minuted:—"1 Aug. 1701. Not granted." 1 *page.*

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[? About Aug. 1.] 63. Petition of William Soley, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that certain coal mines in Alfreton, in the county of Derby, were leased by King Charles II. for 31 years, which term had expired: praying for another lease for 31 years.
Minuted:—"1 Aug^{t} 1701. Ref. to M^{r} Survey^{r} gen^{ll}." 1 *page.*

Aug. 1. 64. Memorial of the Trustees for exchanging Exchequer bills. The specie Exchequer bills in the teller's office amounted to 300,000*l.*, and more would be brought in. When the specie money in the Exchequer should be issued there would be a necessity of a further call of money from the subscribers: praying that new Exchequer bills might be made out instead of the old ones, which would be more valuable to the subscribers, &c. There was about 100,000*l.* in the Exchequer which had been lent on the third of the fourth 3*s.* aid, and applicable to cancel Exchequer bills, &c. Dated 1 Aug. 1701. 1 *page.*

Aug. 1. 65. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the several papers signed by the King, viz.:—
A warrant for a privy seal to discharge the Earl of Jersey of the plate delivered to him out of the Jewel office.
A like warrant for the Earl of Pembroke.
A warrant to acknowledge satisfaction of a fine of 500 marks set on Reginald Chevery, for a riot in Drury Lane.
Warrant for remitting 219*l.* 12*s.* to William Pope.
The King had the particulars relating to the Duke of Bolton and Mr. Progers under consideration. Dated Dieren, $\frac{1}{12}$ Aug. 1701. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 1.] 66. Petition of Maximillian Stephens to the Lords of the Treasury. 200*l.* had been ordered for his journey into Cheshire, Shropshire, and North Wales, to procure and bring up about 500 duplicates in order to charge the receivers. His expenses were greatly increased by accident and other charges, including guides over the mountains, then covered with snow, and amounted to 250*l.* He was out "above six months in the midst of winter." Praying to be considered, and that his salary might be made up equal to the rest of his brethren, &c.
Also certificate in his favour.
Minuted:—"1 Aug^{t} 1701. He shall upon y^{e} first vacancy be recomended to ye King to come into full salary, and 50^{li} more to be given him."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 51, 21 Oct. 1701, is:—"250*l.* to Max. Stephens." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 4. 67. Report of Sir John Stanley, Bart. (Lord Chamberlain's office), to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mrs. Ann Whynyard, housekeeper of the Palace of Westminster, finding that by her patent she was allowed but 6*d.* a day at the Exchequer, and that an allowance of 6*s.* 8*d.* a day from the Lord Chamberlain had

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been discontinued till the King's pleasure were known: leaving the settlement to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 4 Aug. 1701.

Minuted:—"8 Aug^{t} 1701. To be considered before ye establ. is finished." 2 *payes.*

Aug. 5. 68. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending that the salaries of certain additional clerks should cease, as there was no further occasion for their services. Dated 5 Aug. 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Aug. 5. 69. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Thomas Bryan, confined in the Fleet Prison for a debt of 720*l.* on several bonds for duties on salt. Praying for his liberty, and for a command at sea. They report that his bonds were in suit, that they knew nothing of his losses, &c. Dated 5 Aug. 1701.

Minuted:—"Read 5th Aug. 1701. My Lords do not think fitt to do any thing in this." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 5. 70. Report of the Agents [for getting in taxes] to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Killigrew, touching neglects in the collection of duties on windows within the liberties of the King's palaces of Whitehall and St. James's; denying the correctness of the petition. Dated 5 Aug. 1701.

Minuted:—"8 Aug^{t} 1701. M^{r} Killigrew mistaken."

The petition and two other documents relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 71. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for licensing Hawkers, Pedlers, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, recapitulating their memorial of 7 July (No. 11), and recommending four riding officers for England and Wales, at 100*l.* a year, and one for the city of London and bills of mortality at 50*l.* Dated 6 Aug. 1701. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 72. Letter of Thomas, Bishop of Rochester, assuring the Lords of the Treasury that the fees have been paid for all the children of the Royal family who have been buried at Westminster. Mr. Needham who gave in the bill for the Duke of Gloucester, was on a progress for the church, but he had no doubt his bill was true, he being a very honest man, and having been their officer almost ever since the Restoration. Dated Bromley, Aug. 6.

On the dorse is:—"Paid to D^{r} Birch one of the prebendarys of the abby, 9th Aug. 1701."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 39, 8 Aug. 1701, is:—"68*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for y^{e} fees of ye church on ye D. of Gloucester's interm^{t} is to be p̃d out of ye secret service." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Aug. 7.] 73. Petition of the Messengers of His Majesty's great chamber to the Lords of the Treasury. The proposed reduction of their number to 30, and the pensioning nine of them, would prove their utter ruin. They had already suffered a loss of 5*l.* *per ann.* for nine years

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past, by the late Lord Chamberlain filling up the vacant places contrary to the establishment. During the late war they were obliged to pawn their goods, &c. to perform His Majesty's service, and when they received any payments they lost from 11*l.* to upwards of 30*l. per cent.* on tallies and malt tickets: praying to have the honour to die in His Majesty's service, and that they might be established on the same footing with the grooms of the great chamber.

Minuted:—"7 Aug. 1701. The nine are to continue on the establ. as messengers in extraʳʸ, to receive their sallarys under that capacity without any other allowance." 1 *page.*

Aug. 7. 74. Proposal of Joseph Martyn, of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, to supply their Lordships with money in the Leeward Islands, viz., for every 100*l.* paid him in London to pay at Nevis 125*l.* current money of that island by bills of exchange 30 days after sight. Dated 7 Aug. 1701. ½ *page.*

Aug. 8. 75. Letter of Mr. William Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. He had prepared an additional establishment for several pensions in Ireland, to which the King had added Antoine de Laussac, at 3*s.* a day. The King had signed it, and it was sent for the countersignature of their Lordships. Dated Loo, $\frac{8}{19}$ Aug. 1701. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Aug. 8.] 76. Petition of Jasper English, under housekeeper of Hampton Court, to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the report of the officers of works, who had considered his bill of charges and conceived the works could not amount to less than 70*l.* He had expended 40*l.* in re-passing an Exchequer lease purely for His Majesty's service. 45*l.* were due to Mr. Yonge for rent of meadows, &c.; praying payment.

The report and the account of money expended.

Minuted:—"8 Aug. 1701. The 70^{li} allowd; 40^{li} disallowed. The rent to Mʳ Young ought to cease from ye time his annuity cōmences." 3 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 8.] 77. Petition of Thomas Mathews, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had been receiver general of taxes for the counties of Hereford, Brecon, and Radnor, and had received instructions to bring up the moneys collected with a strong guard; that he had paid 1,929 guineas into the receipt of the Exchequer, and Mr. Bartholomew Burton had accepted them, and encouraged him to hope that they might be passed at 30*s.* each; but two months afterwards sent him word that the guineas would not be taken except at 22*s.* a piece, and being sued and his security threatened, he was obliged to let the same be taken at 22*s.*, when they had cost him 30*s.*, whereby he lost 771*l.* 12*s.*, which with the allowance for guards and the loss of three times more than ever he got by being receiver general, forced him to decline the receipt. He was harrassed with process out of the Exchequer, and his security threatened,

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but had obtained his *quietus*. The agents for taxes reported that 395*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* were due to him, but he was advised that the report was not valid without their Lordships' warrant: praying for the same.

Minuted:—"8 Aug^{t} 1701. Prepare y^{e} warr^{t}, but there is no fond at present for paym^{t}."

Accompanied by the report referred to, two previous petitions, and two accounts of his extraordinary charges. 6 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 8.] 78. Petition of John Bynlos to the Lords of the Treasury. King Charles II. had granted him the reversion of the stewardship of the dissolved monastery of St. Austin's at Canterbury, after the death or avoidance of Sir Anthony Archer, for two lives; the petitioner living in Hampshire, did not hear of the death of Sir Anthony Archer till Jeffrey Boyse had surreptitiously obtained a grant by warrant from Lord Nottingham's office; upon reference to the Attorney-General, their Lordships had directed that the petitioner should surrender his grant for lives, and that Boyse's grant should be "vacuated;" praying that a new grant might be made for one life.

Minuted:—"8 Aug^{t} 1701. My Lords can grant only dur. pleasure." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 8.] 79. Petition of Samuel Powell, Esq., serjeant-at-arms attending the House of Commons, praying to be reimbursed the sums expended, as shown in an account annexed.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 39, 8 Aug. 1701, is:—"Serj^{t} Powell. The serj^{t} of ye House of Comons' bill to be p̃d." 6 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 8.] 80. Petition of Charles and George Villiers, sons and executors of George Viscount Grandison, deceased. The petitioners' father had lent Henry Earl of Suffolk about 4,000*l.*, which debt they had by all fair means endeavoured to obtain from the Earl. His answer had always been that when His Majesty reconveyed Audley End house and park to him, in satisfaction of a debt of 20,000*l.*, he would satisfy the petitioners. They were informed the King had signed a warrant for the re-conveyance, but the Earl had now changed his mind; praying that before the grant was passed the Earl might show cause why he should not satisfy the petitioners.

Minuted:—"8 Aug^{t} 1701. Earle of Suffolk & executors of L^{d} Grandisson to be heard on ye first Tuesday after Michs. & in y^{e} mean time ye g^{t} to stop. Lr̃e writ."

Also a memorandum that the executors desire a *caveat* against passing the grant. 1¼ *pages.*

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Aug. 9. 1. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Whaples, who asked to succeed Benjamin Gauden, who had served as a landwaiter in the said port for near 20 years, and was willing to resign in favour of the petitioner upon his allowing half the salary. They state that there had been some few similar instances, but conceived that the practice was by no means to be encouraged: in this instance, if their Lordships were favourable, they had nothing further to object. Dated 9 Aug. 1701.

Also the petition, and a certificate in favour of the petitioner.

Minuted:—"20 Aug^t 1701. To speak w^th y^e Comm^rs of ye Customes. 23 Sept. 1701. Respited. Agreed." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 9. 2. Letter from the Agents for Taxes to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to move the Lords of the Treasury to grant a commission to Mr. William Byles as surveyor for the duties on marriages, &c. and houses, in the place of Mr. John Butler, surveyor for the county of Lincoln, who had resigned. Dated 9 Aug. 1701.

Also the appointment of Mr. William Byles, signed Godolphin (printed on parchment). 2 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 8 or 9.] 3. Petition of Bennet Lord Sherard to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the grant of a lease of the house in which his father lived, and of other houses near adjoining, for such term and fine as their Lordships thought fit. [It does not say where the house was situated.]

Minuted:—"8 Aug^t 1701. Ref. it to ye Surv^r to value a term of 50 years from ye date to build."

The order for it to be referred is dated 9 Aug. 1701. 1 *page.*

Aug. 12. 4. Memorial of the Agents for bringing in Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that John Pye, gent., had been employed to go into Norfolk to make an extent of the estate of Mr. Augustus Briggs, late receiver for part of that county, and 2,000*l.* had already been returned into the Exchequer; sending the bill of charges in making the extents. A similar extent should be made for the county of Lincoln. Dated 12 Aug. 1701.

Also the expenses. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 5. Certificate by Peter Frowde, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the Lords of the Treasury, that Leonard Wessell, Esq., late sheriff of Surrey, had paid 40*l.* to Edward Shilbey and others for apprehending Humphrey Bayley, a robber on the highway, and to Bodenham Rewse and others 40*l.* for taking Humphrey Hanwell, a counterfeiter of coin, both of whom were convicted. Dated 14 Aug. 1701. 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 6. Letter from Mr. William Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, upon the memorial of Sir John Jacob, relating to the sum of 295*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*

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due from his regiment to His Majesty for clothing, which the Lords of the Treasury thought might be remitted; directing the "remittall" to be made in such manner as not to be a precedent. Dated Dieren, $\frac{15}{26}$ Aug. 1701.

Also the memorial. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 7. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, signifying the King's pleasure to the Lords of the Treasury, that they should pay the Baron de Hompesch, master of the buck hounds, what was due to that office to Midsummer last, as His Majesty had directed before leaving England. Dated Dieren, 26 Aug. 1701, S. N.

Enclosing a letter from the Baron to Mr. Blathwayt on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 8. Letter from the same to the same, as to a warrant for taking off 74*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, respited on Captain Perkin Vaughan's company in Major-General Stewart's regiment. Dated Dieren, $\frac{15}{26}$ Aug. 1701.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 33, 1 Aug. 1701, is mention of sending a warrant to Mr. Blathwaite for taking off the respit on Perkin Vaughan's company, "whilst he was a prisoner in France." 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 9. Letter from the same to the same, signifying the King's approval of one of the Com^rs^ of Customs taking care of the shipping and trade, and another inspecting weekly the account of receipts and vouchers of customs, and that the *quorum* of four Com^rs^ might be reduced to three. Dated Dieren, $\frac{15}{26}$ Aug. 1701.

There is also another memorandum as to keeping a register of trading ships, &c. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 10. Letter from the same to the same, returning five warrants signed by the King, for the counter-signature of the Lords of the Treasury, viz.,—

(1.) Revoking the patent granted to Mr. Tancred of the office of Master of the Harriers.

(2.) For paying the Earl of Oxford 300*l.* of the King's bounty.

(3.) For acknowledging satisfaction for the King's moiety of 100*l.* set upon John Mouncher for breaking bulk of a ship before entry.

(4.) For paying 600*l.* as of the King's bounty to the Duchess of Buckingham.

(5.) For paying a bounty of 200*l.* to Col. Philips, 200*l.* to Mrs. Lesley, and 100*l.* to Mr. Povey.

Dated Dieren, $\frac{15}{26}$ Aug. 1701. 1 *page.*

Aug. 22. 11. Letter of C. F. Henning to [? Mr. Lowndes] in answer to the charge of being backward in passing his accounts then before the auditors. He had committed the management of this affair to Mr. Smith, as he was obliged to attend on His Majesty. Dated Loo, 22 Aug. 1701. 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 26. 12. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The Lords of the Treasury were in doubt if the grant of 1,000*l. per ann.* in

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addition to the annuity of 4,000*l.* out of the post-office to the Duke of Schonberg were intended to commence from Michaelmas last or not, as his Grace understood the King's pleasure was that it should have some further retrospection; His Majesty's pleasure was that it should commence from Midsummer last. Dated Loo, 6 Sept. 1701, N.S.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 45, 23 Sept. 1701, is:—"Warrt for addl 1,000*l.* *p. ann.* to ye Duke of Schonberg is read and approved." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 26. 13. Letter from the same to the same, directing that the Lords of the Treasury should appoint what was needful for the works at Hampton Court, under the direction of Mr. Talman, as His Majesty expected them to be dispatched before his return. Dated Loo, 6 Sept. 1701, S. N. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 28. 14. Letter from the Comrs of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a general abstract of the accounts of the revenue for the year ended at Christmas 1700, &c.; reminding them of their letter of 15 April last, wherein they represented the case of undisposed lands in Kerry, and prayed they might have the power to reward Maurice Kennedy for the service performed by him; praying their Lordship's directions upon it. They had several proposals from other persons of the same nature. Dated 28 Aug. 1701.

The copy of the letter referred to, stating that after the rebellion in 1641 there were several parcels of land, more particularly in the county of Kerry, vested in the Crown by the rebellion, which were so coarse and of so little value that neither soldier nor adventurer thought it worth while to pass them in patent, not being worth the quit rent to be reserved on them, so that they had remained undisposed of, and have been possessed by persons having no right thereto, but the value of the land being lately much advanced, they had reason to believe considerable estates might be discovered if they could gratify the discoverers with a short lease at some under value. They then go on to advocate Maurice Kennedy's claim, and ask for instructions how they were to govern themselves as to granting leases of these lands.

Minuted:—"Lre to Ld. Lt that as to ye reward proposed for Kennedy, my Lds. have already given directions to ye Comrs of ye Revenues in Irelđ, and that as to ye encouragemt to others to make like discoverys their Lops will be ready when any discoverys shal be made from time to time to give such directions for rewards the discoverers, as the Comrs shall represent them to deserve." 2½ *pages*.

Aug. 29. 15. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. The Lords of the Treasury to be acquainted that the King had borrowed in that country one million of Dutch florins upon the warranty of the States General. His Majesty had thought fit that Mr. Sweet should dispose of them to satisfy the obligations of the treaty lately

1701. concluded with Denmark. Dated Loo, 9 Sept. 1701, S.N. 1 *page (quarto).*

Aug. 16. [*Docquetted*] :—"Proposalls given to the Comm^rs in Aug^t 1701," as to methods for preventing frauds in exporting certificate goods, viz., by appointment of persons skilled in package to attend the patent searchers shipping at the quays, &c.

The proposals were made to the Com^rs of Customs; it is not stated by whom.

The paper appears to have been an enclosure. 1 *page.*

Sept. $\frac{2}{13}$. 17. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. His Majesty directs that in order to avoid making precedents there be paid to Lord Cornbury, Governor of New York, 1,000*l.* out of secret service money, as of His Majesty's bounty, to enable him to proceed on his voyage. Dated Loo, $\frac{2}{13}$ Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Pd 10^th Sep^r 1701, S. V." 1 *page.*

Sept. $\frac{2}{13}$. 18. Letter from the same to the same. His Majesty thinks fit that the grants of pensions directed for Brigadier Belcastle and Colonel Montandre should pass according to former orders. The allowance of half-pay to cease from the time of the grants. Dated Loo, $\frac{2}{13}$ Sept. 1701, S. N.

On the *dorse* is:—"Lres accordingly signifying His Ma^ts pleasure for allowing 200^li *p. ann.* to Mons. Montandre dur. life, and 500^li *per ann.* to Brigad^r Belcastel for 21 yeres."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 45, 23 Sept. 1701, is:—"The warr^ts for Brigadier Belcastle & Coll. Montandre are read & approved." 1 *page.*

Sept. 4. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. William Delarose, who prayed for 3^d in the pound for all moneys collected by him and for restoration to his employment. He had previously made several applications by petition, which they had duly considered and reported on. The present petition contained neither facts nor cravings other than had been mentioned in former petitions, and the Com^rs hoped that their Lordships would think they had done their duty in laying all their reports before them. Dated 4 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Read 23 7^br 1701. My Lords approve this report."

Accompanied by four petitions, three certificates, four reports, an affidavit, and copies of some letters.

There is a long minute in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 256, 20 Oct. 1702. It finishes thus: [The Com^rs of Excise] "cannot find any direction to restore him, tho' he shows a minute of his owne making as they think. My Lords think his petic̃on groundless." 31 *pages or parts of pages.*

Sept. 5. 20. Copy of Royal Warrant to Benjamin Sweet, gent., deputy of Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, paymaster of the forces, to receive from Herr Van Ellemeet, treasurer of the States General of the United

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Provinces, 700,000 rix dollars, borrowed by the King on the security of the States General, to answer his obligations by the late treaty with the King of Denmark. Dated at Loo, 12 Sept. 1701, S. N.

Also copy of the specifications of moneys to be paid by Benj. Sweet, gent., to the order of the King of Denmark.

These were enclosures in a letter not now with them of 16th of Sept. 1701, S. N., *i.e.*, 5 Sept., see the *docquet.* 2 *pages.*

Sept. 6. 21. Letter from the Agents for Taxes to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., asking him to move the Lords of the Treasury for warrants to be granted for payment of the salaries of Mr. Ezekiel Polstead, receiver general for duties on houses and marriages for the co. of York, Mr. Hen. Flower, receiver for Wilts, Mr. Jos. Heslerton, for Kent, and Mr. Walter Jones, for the county of Chester. Dated 6 Sept. 1701. 1 *page.*

Sept. 9. 22. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. "When the Earl of Marlborough was here the last week," he said that the sum of 637*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, expended for transporting horses for the 12 battalions from Ireland could not be due, as the officers undertook to show by their memorial. Dated Loo, 20 Sept. 1701, S. N. 1 *page.*

Sept. 11. 23. Letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, as to the debt of the Navy Office in the year 1688; it was then computed at 192,480*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, all which had been discharged since the revolution, except 40,000*l.* Dated 11 Sept. 1701. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 24. Letter from Mr. R. Yard to the Com^rs^ of the Treasury, enclosing copy of report of the Com^rs^ for Trade and Plantations, concerning a ship which came directly from the Bay of Campeachy to Leghorn with log wood without having touched at any of His Majesty's plantations, or any port in England, to pay customs. The Lords Justices desired that the ship might be prosecuted if found to belong to any of the plantations. Dated 11 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 25. Minute as to a proposal from Sir Thos. Cook, from the old East India Company, for two warehouses for prohibited goods at Leadenhall and St. Hellen's; further as to the stopping the solicitor of Customs from calling on the bondsmen for 117,000*l.* due from the Company to the King, as had been ordered.

The Com^rs^ agreed to this on condition that the proceeds of the next week's sale should be applied to discharge their debt. Dated 11 7ber 1701.

The whole debt was 130,862*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.* 1 *page.*

Sept. 13. 26. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the quantities of gunpowder, shot, and other habiliments of war exported from the port of Bristol, and to what places, for the years ended at Midsummer 1700 and 1701, transmitting the account so prepared, and an abstract for more ready perusal. Dated 13 Sept. 1701.

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Also the accounts above referred to. Another paper has also been put with them entitled, "An acco^{t} of what utensills of warr has been exported from y^{e} port of London and outports from X'mas 1699 to X'mas 1700." 18 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 27. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes. His Majesty desired that the necessary orders be given for the payment of 1,000*l.* to Mons. de Schonenberg, then at the Court of Madrid, in consideration of his services and expenses. Dated Loo, $\frac{16}{27}$ Sept. 1701. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 17. 28. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the expediency of appointing three public warehouses and keepers for the same, at 100*l. per ann.* each, and the controller at 50*l.*, viz., for wrought silks, bengalls, &c., of the manufacture of Persia, China, or East India, and imported to England, &c., in order for exportation. Dated 17 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed. W^{t} signed 23 Sep^{r}." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 23. 29. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the warrant relating to the Com^{rs} of Customs for the countersignature of their Lordships, and the blanks to be filled up by them, with the names of such as they think most proper for the employment.

With a postscript that Lord Gallway had given him the enclosed list of the names of such as had been omitted in the last establishment of Ireland. Dated Dieren, 4 Oct. 1701 [? N. S.]. 1 *page.*

Sept. 23. 30. Letter from the same to the same. The Lords of the Treasury had read the letter signifying the King's pleasure for remitting to Lord Lexington the plate he received on account of the treaty of Ryswick in like manner as it was given to the Earls of Pembroke and Jersey, who were joint ambassadors and plenipotentiaries with his Lordship. Their Lordships were much concerned that they had not an opportunity of speaking to the King upon the matter, and desired to represent, that as they were always most ready to obey the King's commands, so they thought it would not consist with the duty of their office if they did not observe that the plate of which the Earls of Pembroke and Jersey were discharged was given to them after each of them had actually performed two embassies; whereas Lord Lexington was not at the treaty of Ryswick, and also that his Lordship had already been discharged of 3,167 ounces of plate he received out of the jewel house when he was formerly appointed ambassador to Spain, although he never went on that embassy. Dated 23 Sept. 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 45, 23 Sept. 1701, is:—"Letter to M^{r} Blathwait concerning Lord Lexington's plate is read & approved," 1 *page.*

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Sept. 23. 31. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. The near approach of the time for receiving the prohibited East India goods into warehouses had rendered it necessary to look out fit persons who could give security to discharge that trust, and they recommend (1) Benjamin Woodnoth (who approved himself very well as Controller of the Mint at Bristol) to be warehouse keeper for the goods of the old East India Company, to be secured at St. Hellen's and Leadenhall, (2) Ambrose Moor (bred a merchant) to be warehouse keeper of the goods for the new company at the Steel yard, and (3) William Clough, formerly an East India factor, to be warehouse keeper at the "Out-Roper's office" in the Exchange, being the place proposed by the principal dealers in East India goods for receiving goods, &c. They further offer several names for acceptance to keep a control account upon the warehouse keepers. Dated 23 Sept. 1701.

The last clause *minuted*:—"Luke King, Charles Mein, M^r Burgess to be compt^rs." 2 *pages*.

Sept. 23. 32. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Henry Fern, Esq., Receiver-General of Customs, praying for an allowance for the maintenance of his extraordinary clerks; they thought that less than 240*l*. a year in addition would not maintain a competent number of clerks. They ask that allowances for management might be construed in their own favour. When the payments into the Exchequer were short of 600,000*l*. a year the Com^rs had 2,000*l*. and afterwards 1,200*l*. a year, and now the net revenue was upwards of 1,600,000*l*., their salary was but 1,000*l*. Dated 23 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and two lists of clerks.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 48, 30 Sept. 1701, is:—"Com^rs of Customs. M^r Fern to have 300*l*. a year for his clerks." 4 *pages*.

Sept. 23. 33. Report of Mr. William Vanburgh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the yeomen of the guard. The bills of their services for five years ending at Christmas 1698 for attendance on the King at Kensington, Hampton Court, Windsor, Newmarket, and Gravesend amounted to 2,556*l*. 13*s*. A warrant only for 604*l*. 10*s*. was signed by the Lord Chamberlain. The petitioners craved allowance by bills for their times of waiting at those places; their salaries were formerly 39*l*. 11*s*. 3*d*., and in the time of King Charles II. were reduced to 30*l*. and the yeomen hangers from 30*l*. to 10*l*., the "robegoers" and "bedgoers" from 20*l*. to 10*l*., and allowance for waitings had been since made to them. They represent that their attendance at a distance from Whitehall was an excessive charge not to be borne out of their present salaries, and by reason of the King's absence for considerable spaces of time, they lost the advantage of the table allowed them which they formerly had the whole year at Whitehall. Dated 23 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"See the King's direction in the *Minute Book*." "There is no direction in the *Minute Book* relating to y^e yoemen of y^e guards travelling charges. To be layd before ye K."

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1701. In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XL., p. 115, 21 Jan. 1701–2, is:—"Yeomen of the Guards' peticon and M^r^ Vanbrugh's report are read for 2,556*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* My Lords are to speak with my Lord Chamberlain about them."

Again, at p. 213, 8 July 1702:—"Her Majesty will restore them to their old salarys, and allow noe ryding charges." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 23.] 34. Memorial of Geo. Barrett, late town major of the garrison of Hull, to the Lords of the Treasury. After 20 years service in that capacity he had been reduced, but on the representation of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, the present Governor, the King on going to Holland had directed Mr. Blathwayt to prepare a like warrant for continuing him, as had been granted to the town major of Berwick: asking for their Lordships' approbation which was necessary.

Minuted:—"23 7^br^ 1701. My Lords can do nothing in this without the King's pleasure." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 24. 35. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Kendal, Esq. An Exchequer lease for 31 years was passed the 20th of May 1698 to Robert Rouse and others of all mines of lead or other metals to be found and wrought in lands belonging to the King in the mountains of Cavencow and Moneth-Poken, in the parish of Llanesteed near Dolgelly, in the county of Merioneth, parcel of the manor of Penlyne within the north part of the principality of Wales, reserving rent of 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.*, and one-eighth of the annual value; submitting to their Lordships the petitioner's request for a grant of the eighth part for the remainder of the term, increasing the rent to 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Their Lordships' reference of 12 April 1699 on the petition of John Kempe, gent., who prayed for the said eighth part and the inheritance of those mines, lay still by him (the Surveyor-General). Dated 24 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Read 31 Oct. 1701. My Lords think it most for His Ma^ts^ service not to alter this reservacon."

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 28. 36. Memorial of Mr. Isaac Newton to the Lords of the Treasury. By the late edicts of the French King for raising the moneys in France, the proportion of the value of gold to that of silver being altered, he gave their Lordships notice thereof. By the last of these edicts, the *Lewis d'or* passed for 14 *livres* and the *ecus* or French crown for three *livres* and 16 *sols.* At which rate the *Lewis d'or* was worth 16*s.* 7*d.* sterling, supposing the *ecus* worth 4*s.* 6*d.* as it was reckoned in the course of Exchange, and as he found it by some assays. The proportion therefore between gold and silver had become the same in France as it had been in Holland for some years; for at Amsterdam the *Lewis d'or* passed for nine *guilders* and nine or ten *stivers*, which in our money amounted to 16*s.* 7*d.*, and it had passed at that rate for the last five or six years. At the same rate a guinea of due weight and alloy was worth 1*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*

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In Spain gold was reckoned (in stating accounts) worth 16 times its weight of silver of the same alloy, at which rate a guinea of due weight and alloy, was worth 1*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*; but the Spaniards made their payments in gold, and would not pay in silver without an abatement. This abatement was not certain, but rose and fell accordingly as Spain was supplied with gold or silver from the Indies. Last winter it was about five *per cent.*

The state of the money in France being unsettled, whether it might afford a sufficient argument for altering the proportion of the value of gold and silver moneys in England was submitted to their Lordships. Dated 28 Sept. 1701.

Docquetted:—"Mr Newton's memorial concerning the proportion of gold and silver in value." 1 *page.* (*Holograph.*)

Sept. 29. 37. Comparisons of the produce of the Excise, Midsummer 1700 to Michaelmas 1701. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 38. Report of Mr. Wm. Borrett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Gellibrand, who with three others discovered and seized one John Beare, who was convicted of writing eight libels; advising that the petitioner and the other three were entitled to 50*l.* amongst them, and in a similar manner to 20*l.*, as the discoverers of Edwards, the printer of a treasonable and seditious poem upon His Majesty, for which he was fined 100 marks, and stood three times in the pillory. Dated 30 Sept. 1701.

Minuted:—"Ordered according to Mr. Borrett's report."

A report on the same subject by Mr. Henry Baker, dated 24 Aug. [16]99.

The petition.

The certificate of Sir William Trumbull, that John Gellibrand "seized and discovered" the author of these eight seditious and treasonable libels:—

(1.) The Belgick Boar, to the tune of Chevy Chase.
(2.) Decay of Trade.
(3.) The three Williams.
(4.) The History of William.
(5.) Dutch Reformation.
(6.) A Satyr against Rebellion.
(7.) England's Crisis, or ye world well mended.
(8.) Syllogism for ye Vicar of Bray.

And a seditious poem upon His Majesty, entitled "The Anti-Curse."

Also the London Gazette in which is the proclamation for the discovery of seditious libellers. 7 *pages* (2 *printed*).

Sept. 30. 39. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Philips as to his arrears. Dated 30 Sept. 1701.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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[After Sept.] 40. The debt for sick and wounded seamen.

It appears to have been an enclosure to some other paper. It is *docquetted* :—"N° 3. An acco^t of 6,503*l.* 11*s.* 4¼*d.* to be directed & distributed for the service of sick & w°, &c." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Oct. 1. 41. Letter from the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a list of prizes delivered to the naval officers of the several ports and employed in the King's service by order of the Lords of the Admiralty, showing their quality and condition as to hulls, stores, rigging, &c., to be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 1 Oct. 1701.

Accompanied by the list mentioned and a list of other prizes taken, fitted and employed in His Majesty's service, and not certified to be received by the officers of any of the yards. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 1. 42. *Docquetted* :—"Report from y^e officers of the works upon ye petition of y^e L. Viscount Fitzharding, abo^t y^e repairing y^e Mall in S^t Jameses Park. Dated October 1^st 1701."

Accompanied by another report from them as to the allowance to Viscount Fitzharding "for shelling the Mall," &c., and to workmen employed on these works, his petition and divers bills of workmen.

Minuted :—"Ult. 8br. 1701. See the authority for ye sallary of 50^li a year." 12 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 2. 43. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, about the size of codfish, ling, and hake, for which a drawback or allowance is to be made. 50*s.* a hundred was directed to be paid on the exportation of codfish, ling, or hake, without distinguishing the size, and that was double the value of the greater part of them when cured. They were informed that every merchantable fish should be 22 inches long, but in this season scarcely one in ten would measure 22 inches. By a Statute of 22 Edw. IV., entitled "The contents of vessels of salmons, herrings, & eels, and how fish should be packed," every countable fish, commonly called tale fish, was directed to contain in length, from the bone in the fin to the third joint in the tail, 26 inches. Asking their Lordships' directions as to the allowance of the 50*s.* upon exportation. Dated 18 Sept. 1701 ; but on the dorse, 23 Sept. 1701. With the opinion of Sir Edward Northey thereon. Dated 2 Oct. 1701.

Minuted :—"23^th Sept. 1701. Read at y^e Treasury Board. The soll^r to attend ye K. counsell." *Again* :—"21^th Oct. 1701. Read & approved." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 44. Three bills of extraordinaries from Sir Lambert Blackwell, His Majesty's envoy extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuscany and Republic of Genoa, from 4 April 1700 to 4 Oct. 1701.

These bills were allowed by James Vernon and the Earl of Nottingham, Secretaries of State.

They were probably enclosures, and the last is a copy made in 1710. 3¼ *pages.*

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Oct. 7. 45. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Company of the Royal Fishery, as to frauds by drawbacks upon salt obtained by fishermen at North and South Shields, and other places in the North of England, which salt was used for curing fish taken in the North Seas, and never exported as pretended. They could not conceive that the duties on salt were any damage to the fishing trade, but a great advantage. As to the practice of taking in salt in Scotland to cure fish, and afterwards bringing it into England, they were of opinion that it was a great prejudice to the duties, and they hoped their Lordships would assist them in Parliament to prevent it. They were of opinion that the bonds mentioned in the petition ought to be put in suit, unless the parties bound would pay the money. Dated 7 Oct. 1701.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 10. 46. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Hawson, gent., who claimed to be the discoverer of a debt of 6,700*l.* concealed out of the late Lord Preston's estate, of which they show that very little then remained due. As to the second paragraph, that he could discover several other debts out of the land revenues of the Crown, they must have recourse to divers accounts. As to the third, about 700*l.* might be recovered of what was raised in Yorkshire by the lords and gentlemen assembled at the Revolution. They had no knowledge as to his employment or discharge as a receiver of land revenues. They recommend their Lordships to give him encouragement. Dated 10 Oct. 1701.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Xbr. 1701. If he can make any discoverys yt are not already known to ye audrs or other of ye King's officers let him put 'em in writing." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 14. 47. Report of Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of Anthony Row, Esq., concerning the repair of the canal in St. James's Park, estimating the cost at 884*l.*, concluding thus:—"I might represent to yor Lordships to throw away such a sume as about 400*l.* in fitting up the said canal, but I can never think itt for His Majts service nor my own reputacon to undertake a worke of that nature or any other, and performe itt soe that ye first estimate may be an annuall charge for the same service." Dated 14 Oct. 1701.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. Read 12th Novr 1701. The King says it cannot be done in the winter."

The letter referred to and the estimate. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 48. Report of the Postmasters-General to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the hardships the office was under in relation to the Post Office of Scotland. His Majesty had directed that they should, with Mr. Hill, attend the secretaries of Scotland, the Lord Seafield, and Lord Carmichel, who promised on their arrival to take some care of that affair. They were informed that the post renters evade paying the money under various pretences. The Post Office at

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Edinburgh was to be let to farm about November next. They had recommended that the post renters of Scotland should be obliged to pay at Berwick for English and foreign "post" for all such letters as should be sent from England to Scotland, as also for the secretary's packets, or that they might appoint a person at Edinburgh to give security in London to be accountable to the office for the "port" of all letters passing between London and Edinburgh. Unless one of these methods was adopted, they were of opinion that the post of the letters would not be answered, for the post renters had from time to time run into arrear, and dealt very unfriendly with them. Dated 17 Oct. 1701.

Minuted:—"Make an order for ye K. to signe to receive the duty at Berwick." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 49. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, agreeing to certain alterations proposed by Captain Baker for the guard of Cockbush, Langston, and the other harbours at the mouth of Chichester river. If their Lordships approved they would appoint proper persons and vessels. Dated 21 Oct. 1701.

Minuted:—"Approved." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 21. 50. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. Their Lordships had directed them to press the Old East India Company for their debt, and they had sent frequent messages to them for that purpose, but their payments were not in proportion to their debt. As to the 5 *per cent.* demanded by the New East India Company from the Old Company on goods imported in the ship "Tavistock," they did not think themselves subject to that duty, and the Com^rs^ had taken the opinion of the King's Council thereon, as well as on the question whether the Old Company were still entitled to the privilege of two six months time for payment of their custom. Dated 21 Oct. 1701.

Accompanied by (1) the opinion referred to; (2) state of the Old East India Company's debt; (3) a paper *docquetted:*—"M^r^ Fernes state of the case relating to debenturs for the 15 *per cent.* on East India goods."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 121, 3 Feb. 1701–2, is:—"Direct the Com^rs^ of C. to order their soll^r^ to demand the money w^ch^ the Old E. Ind^a^ Comp^a^ owes for the 15 *per cent.* upon the Act ended at Michas last, to be paid to the Rec^r^ Gen^ll^, and to acq^t^ them that in default thereof my Lords have ordered the bonds for ye same to be putt in process." 9 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 51. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, signifying the appointment of Mr. Jackson as master mason, on the death of Mr. Oliver, that their Lordships should give the necessary orders to despatch his patent. Dated Hague, 1 Nov. 1701. S. N.

Also the petition of Benjamin Jackson on the same subject. In this he says he had performed the mason's work at Hampton Court.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 67, 18 Nov. 1701, is:—"M^r^ Jackson to be ma^r^ mason." 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 24. 52. Presentment of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending that the Comrs of Customs should cease to proceed in a cause relating to some brandy sold to Mr. Paine, rather than a gap should be opened for all the ill consequences that must unavoidably follow if the adjudications, so long practised and often confirmed, should by the Barons happen to be adjudged illegal. Dated 24 Oct. 1701.

Minuted:—"Read 28th Oct. 1701. Mr Baker order to cease the proceedings in ye Exchr agt Pains brandy."

Also the opinion of Sir Thomas Trevor upon the "brandy seized case."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 52, 21 Oct. 1701, is the following *minute* on this subject:—"The Comrs of Excise cald in. Mr Attorney thinks officers of Excise cannot go aboard ships. They can attend to see brandys dd, but that is on shore. The Comrs of Excise have no power to seise in their comission, but it is in the King's power to enable them to seize, & then the first seizer will have it, but the prosecution must be in the Exchequer by a jury and not by ye Comrs of Excise or 2 justices. Mr Sollicitor saies none can seise but by an Act of Parlt or by authority from ye K. or your Lops."

And again at p. 56, 28 Oct. 1701, is:—"Comrs Customes & Comrs Excise come in. Mr Attorney & Mr Sollr Genll come in. The business relating to seizures of brandy by Comrs Excise again considered. Mr Attorney Genll says, since his last attendance on my Lords, he has read over the Acts relating to ye Excise, but finds nothing therein to alter his opinion from what it was, to wit, that the Comrs of Excise have no power by their comission to seize, but the prosecution must be in ye Excheqr by a jury, and not by ye Comrs of Excise or 2 justices of the peace. Mr Sollicitor says the Comrs may seize where there is a person that claims the goods, but where no proprietor or owner can be found, the prosecution must be in the Excheqr. Mr Attorney is of the same opinion. As to the seizure of Pain's brandys, my Lords order that the proceedings for the same in the Exchequer do cease, and accordingly give verball directions therein to Mr Baker who is concerned in that matter, who promises to take care therein." 6 *pages.*

Oct. 27. 53. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Louaine, a French Protestant, who was convicted of conveying away from his vessel five or six pieces of French alamode, and was in prison in the Fleet; in favour of his release as a matter of compassion to him and his family. Dated 27 Oct. 1701.

Also his petition and three other papers relating to the case.

Minuted:—"17th Nov. 1701. To be laid before the King. 18 Do. To be discharged." 6 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 54. "1701. An accot of what bonds remain'd in the hands of ye Recr Genll and Sollicitor of His Maties Customes ye 1st November; also what became due at that time." 1 *page.*

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Nov. 5. 55. "The memoriall of my L[d] Mohun relateing to the cloathiars of the late Earle of Maclesfeld's regim[t] of horse."

This is the *docquet* to a paper containing "The state of the off-reckonings for the regim[t] of horse in Ireland, under the command of the late Earle of Macclesfeild, from the 4[th] of June 1700 to Novemb[r] ye 5[th] 1701."

Minuted:—"Ref. to Earl Ranelagh & L[d] Coningsby." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Nov. 7.] 56. [*Docquet*:]—"Robin Green's bill of travelling charges." *Minuted*:—"Paid 7 Nov[r] 1701."

[They appear to be a King's messengers charges.] 1 *page*.

Nov. 8. 57. Letter of the Com[rs] of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, as to the buying up the Navy office, as it was better husbandry than paying 600*l*. a year rent. They had caused a bill to be numbered on their register in course for the principal debt of 8,500*l*., there being a mortgage on it to Mrs. Parravicine, the daughter and executrix of Sir Peter Parravicine. They give some other details about the same. Dated 8 Nov. 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 66, 17 Nov. 1701, is:—"5,000[li] out of loans on the last part of 3,700[l] a week to be issued to the treasurer of the Navy for the course. Out of w[ch] so much as will compleat 8,500*l*. to the Ex[x] of S[r] Peter Paravicine is to be applyed to that use, the Ex[x] making a re-conveyance to ye King of the security w[ch] S[r] Peter had upon ye Navy office." See also the further *minute*, Vol. LXXVII., No. 9. 1¼ *pages*.

Nov. 9. 58. Hackney coachmen's bills for attending the King at Margate Road in October 1701, and in the journey to Hampton Court to the 9th of November; in all 1,026*l*. 1 *page*.

[? About Nov. 12.] 59. Memorial of the Earl of Manchester, late ambassador in France, to the King. The King had commanded him to leave Paris on a sudden, without having time to send to England for money to discharge his debts. He had given bills payable in England. The arrears due to him amounted to 7,000*l*.; making suggestions for the payment.

Minuted:—"Read 12[th] Nov. 1701. 1,397[li] to be paid by 300[li] a week after 1[st] Jan[ry] next." 1 *page*.

[About Nov. 12.] 60. Letter of the Countess of Dorchester [Catherine Sedley] to the Lords [of the Treasury]. She gathered from them that after having solicited for ten years upon a promise, it came to be a question if it *were* a promise, she did not see how the present King and late Queen could refuse to allow a maintenance for a daughter of King James, especially a lady unmarried, whose portion was so given as not to be out of the power of the Crown till she was 18. She had spoken of this matter often enough to the King not to mistake him "noe more than it was possible for him to be insensible of the obligation lay upon him not to leave King James' daughter either to the charity of the parish or to be a burthen to her mother's fortune." What she asked was no more than had

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been given. Mrs. Craufts had as much allowed for the maintenance of the Lady Mary Tudor, and afterwards it was allowed on the same score to the "Countis of Marschall," both by King Charles and King James, and duly paid. Sir Stephen Fox and all in the Treasury knew how those matters went; it was not the continuance of a pension, but the arrear of what was promised that she solicited. She maintained her daughter suitable to what she was told would be allowed; the arrear was above 7,000*l.*; the disappointment of it would ruin her family, and she dare hope the King would not use her so cruelly, if only for the sake of Lord Portmore, who the King knew had not had opportunities of enriching himself; praying their Lordships to propose some way to His Majesty for her payment.

Minuted:—"Kensington, 14th Jan. 1701–2. Nothing is ordered."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 63, 12 Nov. 1701, is:—"Countess of Dorchester. She chalenges a promise the King knows nothing of." This is probably the date of the document.

The following minute is also in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 212, 8 July 1702, and was made on a later application from her:—

"Countess of Dorchester prays payment of the arrear due to her on 1,600li *p ann.* bounty, promised her by the late King & Queene for the maintenance of her daughter, the Lady Anglesey, before her marriage, being as she alledges upwards of 6,600*l.*, and that the arrears of the quit rents contained in the grant of 3,500li *p ann.* in Ireland may be collected and paid to her assignees, and she allowed for such of them as are desperate, according to her grant in that behalfe."

Her Maty is not in circumstances to take consideration of arrears of this kind."

3 *pages* (*quarto, Holograph*).

Nov. 13. 61. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Polycarpus Wharton, who stood indebted to their office 7,943*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*; they could not form a judgment of the loss of the petitioner in taking the lease of the mills referred to, but he had 2,000*l.* given him for his losses. They thought it reasonable if the accounts showed that in 1681 4,000*l.* were due to him, that he should have some consideration, nor could they object to allow the balance due to the petitioner to go towards paying the debt due to their office, though they hoped it would be made good to them. Dated 13 Nov. 1701.

His petition showing that he was charged by the Officers of Ordnance with an arrear of 8,573*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, occasioned by his loss in taking the powder works at Chilworth for the service of the Crown for 21 years, which works were not employed a sixth part of the time. His losses amounted to 24,000*l.* He had to pay 1,922*l.* 8*s.* 6¼*d.* and 2,500*l.*; not having a penny of the King's money in hand, out of which those sums ought to have been paid; but on the contrary 4,000*l.* were due to him on his father's, Sir Geo. Wharton's, account; praying for the balance of his father's account.

Also a paper containing the amounts due from the petitioner, and a certificate. 5 *pages.*

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[? About Nov. 14.] 62. Petition of Thomas Herbert, His Majesty's clock and watch maker, to the Lords of the Treasury. He had mended, looked after, and kept in order the King's clocks in his private lodgings and palaces, as well as the great clock at Hampton Court, and had been allowed about 150*l.* a year; but the Lord Chamberlain declined to sign his bills until he received an answer to a memorial presented to their Lordships; praying that his bills might be passed and paid.

Minuted:—"He must apply to my Lord Chamberlaine, and when the bills are signed my Lords will consider his case.

"14 Nov^{r} 1701.

"Send this peticon to Sir John Stanley.

"S^{r} John Stanley's report is annext.

"Write to Sir Jn^{o} Stanley that my L^{ds} have no objection to y^{e} L^{d} Chamberlain's signing these bills if his L$\tilde{o}$p think fit." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 15.] 63. Petition of Wm. Farnolls, collector of customs in the port of Sandwich, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a seizure on board a vessel off Margate of certain brandy by excise officers, disputing their authority to seize, and charging them with collusion to defraud the King. The petitioner had re-seized the brandy, tried the question, and obtained a verdict; but was prevented from reaping the benefit; praying to be heard before their Lordships or to be left to try it at law with the excise officers. Undated.

Minuted:—"To be heard by counsell on 13th Jan^{y} next. Com^{r} of Cust. & Exc. to be here. Send a copy to C. Excise.

"Give notice to all persons concerned in both seizures of brandy at Yarm^{o} & Sandw^{ch}."

The hearing took place on 13 January, the arguments of counsel are given in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 105. Mr. Farnolls' petition was read. The decision was:—"As to Edwards' seizure, all proceedings to cease, the brandy to be sold to best advantage and the mony to attend my Lords determinacon.

"My Lords determine that out of ye seizer's moiety the charges of prosecution be deducted, and that one-fourth p^{t} of ye remainder be given to the excise officers in reward for thier service." 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 64. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to two seizures of brandy by excise officers, the one near Great Yarmouth, by Edward Edwards, and the other near the port of Ramsgate, by Robert Skaife and William Eades, the brandy being subsequently taken out of their hands by Custom-house officers. The Attorney-General was of opinion that the taking it out of the excise officers' hands by the officers of Customs was lawful, as the officers of Excise were not qualified to go on board ships to seize. But as the seizures were made by excise officers they thought they deserved the encouragement, and that the brandy should be brought to London to be sold, as they were informed it was double brandy and worth 12*s.* or 14*s.* a gallon. Dated 15 Nov. 1701.

Minuted:—"Send this mem^{ll} to Com^{rs} Customes to comply wth it, if there be noe objection." 1 *page.*

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Nov. 17. 65. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Johnson, John Blackbourne, and others, complaining of the Com^rs refusing to pay drawbacks of the duty on salt exported to the Isle of Man and to Scotland, stating the conflicting legal opinions there were on this subject and proposing that a case might be stated and agreed to between them and the petitioners, and that the Attorney and Solicitor General might meet and hear both sides, and give their opinions for the guidance of the Commissioners. Dated 17 Nov. 1701.

Also the petition and the opinions of Sir Edw. Northey and Sir Tho. Trevor on the question of drawbacks.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 6 *pages.*

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Nov. 18. 1. "Representation and acco^t of y^e Com^rs for stating the old debt for sick and wounded seamen of what moneys they have receiv^d & p^d out of the first 20,000*l.*" Dated 18 Nov. 1701. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 2. Certificate of Peter Frowde, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the Lords of the Treasury; that Elmes Steward, Esq., late Sheriff of Northampton, paid 40*l.* to John Connell and others for apprehending Richard Benbow, a highway robber, and upon adjusting his account 6*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* were due to the sheriff. Dated 19 Nov. 1701. 1 *page.*

Nov. 20. 3. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the case of several wine merchants, who were prosecuted by one Belamy and others, for the wines they imported from St. Sebastian and other ports of Spain neighbouring to France, in the year 1699, and for which the merchants had been permitted by their Lordships to compound. The Com^rs were of opinion that the persons in an annexed list ought not to be further molested, but defended from prosecution, and that the Attorney-General should *non pros.* the informations. Dated 20 Nov. 1701.

Minuted:—"21 Nov. 1701. To be read in y^e afternoon. A w^t for a non pros. to the informacõn ag^t the severall persons named in the annext schedule."

Accompanied by the case and the list, the copy of the Com^rs' former report, and a paper headed:—

"Extracted out of M^r Sansom's minutes at the Comm^rs attendance at y^e Treasury the 20^th^ of June 1701." 7 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Com^rs of Excise, relating to two seizures of

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brandy at Yarmouth and Ramsgate. The Com^rs of Customs agreed with the Com^rs of Excise, that the brandy should be brought to London when condemned and sold by public sale; that so the King might have his moiety [*minuted :*—"Orderd"]; but whether the officers of Excise, who had gone beyond their proper duty (according to the opinion of the Attorney-General, in seizing the goods) should have any benefit of the other moiety, would depend whether the seizure were by collusion or not. If upon trial the officers of Excise were acquitted of collusion they objected not to their being recompensed.

They also reminded their Lordships of their presentment of 28 Jan. last, to which the Com^rs of Excise had replied, but the reply was not sent to them; nor had they been heard by the Board. They prayed that the papers might be read, and that their Lordships would give such directions as might oblige both boards to unite for the public service without unnecessary reflections upon the proceedings of each other. Dated 21 Nov. 1701.

Minuted :—"Read 21^st^ Nov^r^ 1701. My Lords will speak w^th^ the Comm^rs of Excise about the rewards and charges of the Custom Ho. officers within menconed at their next attendance."

See the *Minute* on this subject, Vol. LXXVI., No. 64.

Accompanied by the copy of the memorial of the Com^rs of Excise, the copy of the presentment of 28 Jan. 1700–1, the copy of the Excise Office report of 25 Feb. 1700–1, a circular letter from the Excise Office, and two affidavits as to the seizure of the brandy (these latter, perhaps, more properly belong to the trial). 11 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 5. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Stamp and Peter Fauconnier, praying payment of 2,124*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, due to them for clothes for the four companies at New York, under the command of Lord Cornbury. He found that Lord Cornbury had contracted with the petitioners for accoutrements to that amount, giving various particulars of the off-reckonings and the state of the accounts which could not be adjusted till the Countess of Bellomont's arrival in England, &c. Dated 22 Nov. 1701.

The petition.

Minuted :—"10 Dec. 1701. Respited till the Countess of Bellom^ts^ arrival."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 84, 22 Dec. 1701, is:—"Write to Com^rs^ of Trade that their letter is read to my Lords, and that my Lords have no objection, but that ye person that furnishes ye cloaths for ye four companys in New York may receive from the Earl of Ranelagh ye off-reckonings of those companys (reserving sufficient to disch^a^ the cloathing already furnished) till the s^d^ new cloathing be fully p^d^ for." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 28. 6. "An abstract of such part of £7,705. 3. 6., as on the 28^th^ of November 1701 was ordered by the R^t^ Hon^ble^ the Lords Comm^rs^ of His Maj^ts^ Treasury, to Rich^d^ Povey, Esq^re^, paid out of the second

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20,000*l.* granted by Parliament towards payment of the debt for sick and wounded seamen, by direction of ye late Comm^rs for s^d service" [at various ports]. 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 7. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Tower, Receiver of the Grand Receipt inwards in the port of London, under Sir John Shaw, recommending that he should be allowed 50*l. per ann.* from the beginning of the 15 per cent. duty upon East India goods, he having received and paid on that branch upwards of 200,000*l.*, being a work of very great care and labour in keeping the accounts, &c. Dated 28 Nov. 1701.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"From Lady day 1700. Orderd." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Gabriel Guichard, concerning a parcel of wines, imported and entered by him as of the growth and product of the principality of Orange and county of Avignion, and seized by Mr. Manley, one of the land surveyors of the port of London, as French; suggesting a composition at the rate of two-thirds of the value upon a sale by inch of candle. Dated 29 Nov. 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 9. Letter from the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, enquiring whether Madam Paravicine had attended him at the Treasury Chambers to invest the navy office again in the Crown; the Lords of the Treasury having appointed money to satisfy the mortgage her father had on it, in order that they might proceed to assign the bill made out to her. Dated 1 Dec. 1701.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 166, 19 May 1702, is:—"Mrs. Parravicin is to be p^d her inter. to this time, if she executes ye deed forthwith; but no interest is to be allowed forward.

"Write to the Com^rs of ye Navy to cause ye 8,500*l.* to be forthwith p^d to her." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 2.] 10. A bill of Philip Guibert, upholsterer, for work delivered for the King's use "by order of the . . . . . the Earl of Albemarle."

Minuted:—"To be carryed to Hampton Court. Read 2 Dec^r 1701. To be paid out of sec. ser., 557*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*; pd. 5^th Dec^r 1701." 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 2. 11. Report of Mr. John Povey to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Benjamin Fletcher, late Governor of New York, finding that the petitioner was appointed Governor of New York in 1690 with power to dispose of the public revenues there by his warrant, with the advice of the Council. He continued in that government till 2 April 1698, when he was recalled by letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury, principal Secretary of State, who said it was not done out of any dissatisfaction the King had in

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him, but in favour of the Earl of Bellomont, whom the King appointed Governor of New England and New York. The petitioner obtained from the Council of New York a certificate of his behaviour, and particularly that all payments during his government were made by warrants passed in Council, &c. Neverless, the Earl of Bellomont receiving information of his mismanagement in the revenue, obliged him to procure security in 10,000*l.* to be given by divers of the principal traders in New York, to answer for what public money might have been converted to his own use. Mr. Chidley Brook, collector and receiver of New York, having transmitted his accounts of the public revenue quarterly to 8 June 1698, when he was suspended by the Earl of Bellomont, he (Mr. Povey) examined them, and had laid before their Lordships such objections as he could then make; which objections and accounts were sent back to New York to be re-examined, and were then depending there. The petitioner was accountable for the advantage accruing to the King of 30 *per cent.* amounting to about 3,905*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* made by the remittance to New York of money received from the Paymaster-General of the forces, upon account of the pay of the companies at New York. Suggesting that Lord Cornbury, the then Governor, should have the accounts examined in Council for a final determination, and return such objections as should be made, as well as his opinion; after which their Lordships should give such directions as they saw fit. Dated 2 Dec. 1701.

Minuted:—"Direct E. of Ranelagh to state ye matter before him & prepare an instruction for Lord Cornbury according to this report."

"Direction signd accordingly" 3 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 2.] 12. A memorandum showing that by the taking into the King's hands the house, park, gardens, &c. within the precinct of Hampton Court the quota to pay the King's tax would fall short 47*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

Minuted:—"Read 2 Decr 1701. 33*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* To be paid out of secret service mo to the Collr of Hampton Cort for ys year's 3sh tax."

Paid 17th Decr. 1701. ½ *page.*

Dec. 2. 13. A copy of the report by the Lords of the Admiralty to His Majesty's Privy Council relating to the office for sick and wounded. Dated 24 Dec. 1695.

It contains instructions in 17 clauses or separate entries for the care of the sick and wounded, and would appear to have been copied for some special purpose on 2 Dec. 1701. 12 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 2.] 14. Petition of Col. Meautys, unaddressed. The petitioner comforts himself that a word or two from his honour would be very effectual to him as to his relief.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Decr. 1701. To have 50li." Paid 17 Dec. 1701. 10 *lines.*

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[? About Dec. 2.] 15. Petition of the widows of slain officers to the King. They had lost their husbands in the King's service during the late war, some killed on the spot, some died of their wounds; praying for continuance of the royal bounty to preserve them from starving.

Minuted:—"Read to ye K. 2d Decr 1701. Rejected. The K. insists on what was told them last year that he would not give them money any further." 1 *page.*

Dec. 4. 16. Letter from officers for adjusting, stating, and clearing the debt for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., sending an extract of the report and opinion of the Right Hon. the Lords Comrs of the Admiralty, relating to the contingencies of the office and travelling charges. Dated 4 Dec. 1701.

Also the extract. 2 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 5.] 17. Petition of Mary Pickett, widow of Capt. John Pickett, who was killed in His Majesty's service, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the last year she was absent as housekeeper to the Lady Dolliland's family when the widows received the King's bounty: praying that she might have what she was disappointed in last year to enable her to return to her poor family in Ireland.

Minuted:—"5 xbr 1701. The King has resolved agt the bountys of this kind, and therefore their Lops can do nothing." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 5.] 18. Memorial (signed) from Mr. Henry Killigrew to the Lords of the Treasury; their warrant for his small allowance was so penned that every one was forbidden to trust him upon pain of their displeasure; he begs them to consider the cold and hunger he and his poor family had suffered since the last long Friday he had waited on them, that he was a poor old helpless man almost driven to the grave for want of necessaries after having been fifty years a groom of the bedchamber to two Kings. It was from their Lordships that relief must come in laying his pretensions before the King to his bedchamber pension of 500*l.* a year; his services to the King had been very early and active and at no little hazard. He prayed their Lordships to press these matters a little warmly to the King.

Minuted:—"Read 5th Xber 1701. To be layd before ye K."

Again:—"Read 16th Decr 1701. To have 100li, but he must not apply till Xmas next for any more."

"Paid 100li 17th Decr. 1701." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 5.] 19. Memorial of Mr. John Knight, late Receiver-General of Customs; at his dismissal from his employment he had upwards of four millions to account for, and of the tonnage there was a balance of 1,397*l.* 17*s.* 7¾*d.* still due, which for the reasons given he hoped would be allowed him.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Xbr 1701. Disallowd. Write to Mr Knight to pay in the balla of his accot." 1 *page.*

Dec. 5. 20. Two papers, each *docquetted:*—"5th Dec. 1701. State of Sir Edward Seymour's account as late treasurer of ye Navy."

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The accounts themselves were from 1673 to 1681, and these have perhaps been enclosures to some other paper. 4 *large papers.*

Dec. 8. 21. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching certain prohibited East India goods on board the ship "Ann," viz., as to the separate custody of these goods, the East India Company pressing to have them carried to their warehouses in the City. Dated 8 Dec. 1701.

Minuted:—"Orderd that the Com^rs^ insist upon their owne method."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 89, 2 Jan. 1701–2, the debate upon this matter is entered.

The *Minute* concludes thus:—"At length by advice of the Com^rs^ of the Customes it is the opinion of my Lords that the goods imported in the ship "Anne," may be carryed to such warehouse of the old comp^a^ at S^t^ Helen's called y^e^ Blewhouse, where no other goods or remaynes of goods are lodged, and there examined and sorted, soe that noe goods prohibited to be worne in England doe remayne in ye same warehouse & not be carryed thence, but in order to exportation, & soe that the other part of ye cargo of ye said ship be removed to some other separate warehouse, not being in the same range or having any comunication w^th^ ye warehouse where the prohibited goods shalbe lodged, the whole being to be complyed w^th^ to the satisfaction of ye Com^rs^ of Customs." 1½ *pages.*

[? About Dec. 8.] 22. Petition of several commanders of ships of war who were interested in 28,663*l.* provided in Parliament for half-pay to the sea officers for the year 1698; showing that the King in Council on 22 Feb. 1693 had provided for the half-pay of officers for their subsistence on shore; that the House of Commons on 10 March 1697 voted 28,663*l.* for their half-pay, that the sea officers having received no part thereof petitioned, and their Lordships thought they should receive the benefit of half-pay: praying for directions to be given.

With 17 signatures.

Minuted:—"Read 8^th^ Dec^r^ 1701. Orderd that the Navy Board do forbeare to assigne the debts of the second book upon the deficient tallys on the Land Tax. Orderd that the debt of about 35,945^l^ due by establishm^t^ of 22 Feb. 1693 to the halfe-pay officers be paid out of those tallys, and that the interest of those tallys, computed by even months to some day in this December, be applyd as principall towards this debt." 1 *large page.*

Dec. 9. 23. Letter of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue of Ireland to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the petition of Mr. Edward Boyle, deceased, late collector at Skibberreen, who on 10 Dec. 1694, was robbed of the King's money by a multitude of Tories; asking him to lay the matter before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 9 Dec. 1701.

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Accompanied by a copy of the petition and other papers relating thereto.

Also duplicates of all the above, and in addition a letter from Mr. Lowndes on the same subject.

In the report of the Com^rs of Revenue, Ireland, it is mentioned that Dermot Leary, John Hurly, and other proclaimed rebels, to the number of 40 and more, well armed, assaulted the town of Skibberreen, killed two and wounded several others of the English who defended the town, and that they robbed the inhabitants, and took 335*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* from the petitioner. 12 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 24. Copy of report of Charles Deringe, auditor-general, to Lawrence Earl of Rochester, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the allegations of a petition to the Lords of the Treasury by Major Walter Delamar, praying payment of arrears due on a pension of 150*l.* a year granted by King Charles II. to Judith Moore. The report confirms the grant of the pension until 2,000*l.* were paid to Judith Moore, her executors, &c. It further states that 2,000*l.* with interest were assigned to Walter Delamar by John Wogan and Judith his wife (formerly Judith Moore), and that the said Walter had a good right to the pension until the 2,000*l.* were paid. Dated 11 Dec. 1701.

[This has most likely been an enclosure.]

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 13. 25. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a memorial of the Com^rs of Customs representing that they had fitted up an adjoining house with convenient offices, and had sent their Lordships the bills. Their Lordships had directed the Officers of Works to view the alterations and examine the bills. They found the bills always obscure and unsatisfactory, and submitted their account showing the sums demanded, abated, and allowed. Dated 13 Dec. 1701.

Also the memorial or presentment.

Minuted :—"To be paid according to these deductions." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 26. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Nicholson, as to the reimbursing him 27*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, which he expended for the subsistence of his company in the regiment late of Sir Henry Belasys, and then Brigadier Selwyn's. Dated 15 Dec. 1701.

Also the petition.

There is a minute on the back to pay him 18*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* 2 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 27. A letter from the Navy Board to William Lowndes, Esq., sending an account of the deficient tallies and malt tickets which remained in the hands of the late and present treasurers of the navy. Their Lordships and Mr. Lowndes could best judge whether all or which of them were deficient, the Board having no cognizance thereof. Dated 17 Dec. 1701.

Also the account referred to. 3 *pages.*

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Dec. 17. 28. Letter from Mr. Geo. Larkin to Mr. Lowndes. The King allowed him 800*l.* for trial of pirates in America, 400*l.* of which he received before leaving England; he had met with various hardships, &c. in travelling the "Continent by land," and for want of a passage to the West Indies was forced to hire a sloop at 400*l.* *per mensem*, and did not think he should have 50*l.* for his trouble: asking that he might have the remaining 400*l.* without fees at the Exchequer, and that the money detained for fees out of what had already been paid to him might be allowed. Dated 17 Dec. 1701.
Minuted:—"June 1702. To be pd. according to ye agreemt." 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Dec. 20. 29. Letter from C. Hedges, the King's resident at Stockholm, to Mr. Lowndes.
Docquetted:—"20 Decembr 1701. From Mr Secretary Hedges, signifying His Majesty's pleasure that a bill of 2,800*l.*, drawn by Mr Robinson, & payable to Mr Hume or order, be paid."
Also the bill scored through. 2 *parts of pages.*

Dec. 20. 30. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and bill of particulars of John Mason, late Receiver-General of Taxes for the county of Cambridge and Isle of Ely, in favour of allowing him 391*l.* for bringing up the money by strong guards to the Exchequer, and leaving the bill of particulars, amounting to 3,065*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 20 Dec. 1701.
Minuted:—"Prepare a warrt for ye 391li." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 31. Letter from J. Smith [? the late Chancellor of the Exchequer] to Wm. Lowndes, Esq. Mr. Lowndes was so kind as to promise to propose to the Lords of the Treasury to consider the poor condition of Seignior Baptist, and obtain 100*l.* for him. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Hill had promised the writer to do it if reminded by Mr. Lowndes that morning. There could not be a more charitable act, nor one which would more oblige Lord Halifax, who also recommended it. Dated 23 Dec. 1701.
The postscript is:—"The poor man is at this time under a severe fitt of ye gout & in very great want, so pray be speedy in yr assistance."
Minuted:—"23 Xbr 1701. 50li to be pd him by Mr Lowndes." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? Before Dec. 24.] 32. A paper pressing for the payment of the sums in the following enclosure, viz.:—"Abstract of the neat pay of the captain and 37 additional men for the Newfoundland Company from the First of May to the 24th of Decembr 1701. With the distribution thereof in order to the subsisting them to the First of April 1702." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 33. "Accompt of the receipts and payments on the revenues applicable to the use of the Civil Government for one year, to wit, from Christmas 1700 to Christmas 1701." 2 *large pages.*

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Dec. 25. 34. "A particuler of wages due in the Treasurer of Chamber's Office for one year and a half, ending at Xmas 1701, and likewise what is due on Lord Chamberlaines warr^ts, stationery wares, and messengers' bills."

[Apparently an enclosure, numbered 2.] 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 35. "An accompt of the debts owing in His Maj^tys stables to Xm̃as last 1701, for liverys, buying of horses, & ye extraord^ys, 12,165*l*: 8: 2½."

[Apparently an enclosure.] ½ *page.*

Dec. 25. 36. "An acco^t of money due to the publick ministers at Xm̃as, 1701."

The debt amounted to 38,150*l.* 4*s.* 11½*d.*

It shows the names of the ministers, viz.:—

Blackwell, Sir Lam. (Florence).
Cole, Mr. (Algiers).
Cressett, Mr. (Hanover).
Gregg, Mr.
Heruart, Mr. (Swiss Court).
Lodington, Mr. (Tripoli).
Manchester, the Earl of.
Marlborough, the Earl of.
Marmande, Mr.
Methuen, Mr. (Portugal).
Plantamour, Mr. (Berlin).
Robinson, Mr. (Sweden).
Rycaut, Sir Paul (executors of).
Stanhope, Mr. (Hague).
Stanyan, Mr.
Stepney, Mr. (Vienna).
Sutton, Mr.
Vernon, Mr. (Denmark).
Warre, Mr.
Whitworth, Mr. (Ratisbon).
Williamson, Sir Joseph (executors of).

1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 37. "A view of the gross produce of His Maties revenue in Ireland for the quarters ended at Christmas, 1700 [and] 1701."

A similar view in the two years ended at Christmas, 1701. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 38. "An abstract account of the debts in money & bonds at Christmas, 1700, and the receipts & payments on the Customs and other impositions for the year ended at Christmas, 1701, with the debts then standing out, &c." 1 *very wide page.*

Dec. 25. 39. "A state of what is due and will be owing in the treasurer of the Chamber's office from the year 1691 to Christmas 1701, upon Lord Chamberlain's warrants, stationery wares, councill bills, & messengers' bills, sign'd by the Secretaryes of State (not included in y^e establishment & sign manuals for wages)."

With this are divers other particulars of moneys due in the treasurer of the Chamber's office, viz.:—

"A particular of money due in the treasurer of the Chamber's office on Lord Chamberlains for riding charges, in attendance on the late Queen and His present Majesty at Kensington."

"A particular of money due in the treasurer of the Chamber's

1701. office upon the Lord Chamberlain's warrants for several and sundry services."

A particular [as before] for riding charges in attending His Majesty in Flanders and Holland.

A particular [as before] for lodgings out of Court.

Some of these run back to 1692. 8 *pages*.

Dec. 26. 40. Report of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney-General, and S. Travers, Surveyor-General, on the petition of the Honourable Dame Margaret Owen and Edward Ingleton, gent., concerning a discovery of certain rents and arrears of rent alleged to be concealed from the Crown, and praying that they might be empowered to prosecute the King's title to them to the King's use, with an allowance of one-third to their own use of what was recovered. King Charles I. granted to Sir Robert Killigrew, Sir John Heydon, and George Kirke, all the lands, marshes, and fen grounds in Norfolk and Lincoln, lying in or near the parishes, &c. called Cross Keys, Clench, Wharton, and Walton Dam, Wyberton, Rode, Freeston, Richond Fee, and Fishstaffe, and also in the several places called East Fen, West Fen, and North Fen, and all lands overflown in the co. of Lincoln, pertaining to the honor of Bullingbrook, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, or any other his then Majesty's manors lying on the north side of the River Gleane, towards Boston, and from thence towards Wainfleet; to hold to them and their heirs, at the yearly rent of 4*d. per* acre, for such lands as should be drained or inned, after allotments and allowances had been made to persons having right of common, &c.; the grantees were bound, within three months after the lands were drained, to give notice to the auditors of the revenues under penalty of 40*s*.

In Michaelmas term, 9 Charles I., an information was exhibited in the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster against Sir Walter Norton, bart., and many others claiming common rights in great part of the lands named, particularly in East Fen, West Fen, and North Fen, whereby and by other proceedings it appeared that allotments of the lands in the last-mentioned Fens were made by agreement between the parties, and after such division the patentees of the King's part subdivided the same according to their respective interests. Several new grants were also made of the lands so subdivided, and there was a grant of certain lands called Sutton Marsh, whereof part belonged to the honor of Bullingbrook, and the rest was in the survey of the Court of Exchequer; and for the parts within the Duchy 100*l. per ann.* were reserved, and 200*l.* for what was in the survey of the Exchequer; and from the year 1675 the rents to the Duchy had not been accounted for, nor were the rents to the Crown ever paid, although great part of the lands were free from inundation, and were firm dry land, as appeared by an affidavit produced. The petitioners affirmed that they could make many discoveries of this nature. King Charles II. had granted to Thomas Windham, Esq., all sums due to His Majesty, in right of his Duchy of Lancaster in arrear "*super ipsum* or *remanet*" upon

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any of his particular receivers, &c., or from his tenants, on accounts declared for the Duchy revenue, from the Restoration to Michaelmas in his 34th year. He also granted all moneys concealed from the King, to be held, subject to a *proviso* that if the arrears were beyond 3,000*l.*, he should answer for the overplus; they were informed that the 3,000*l.* had been satisfied. They were of opinion that the discoveries proposed were probable, and that the petitioners deserved encouragement. Dated 5 Dec. 1701, but on the back 26 Dec. 1701, and the latter is probably the correct date, for the affidavit referred to is dated 24 Dec. 1701.

Accompanied by the petition and affidavit referred to.

Minuted:—"Direct the Surv^r to inform himselfe & my Lords whether the lands are now enjoyed under the grant of Cha. 1^st."

"Read 23 Jan. 1701–2. My Lords canot advise the making any grant of these pretended arrears to any private person, but do direct M^r Surv^r to informe himselfe with more certainty whether the lands be now enjoyed under the grant of K. Cha. 1^st or not."

"29 May 1702. M^r Surv^r to examine the matter of the last minute & returne an answer in writing." 9 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 41. "December 30^th 1701. A state of the debts in the office of His Ma^ties great wardrobe, due from November 1688 to Christmas last, 1701." Also,

"Great wardrobe, Decemb^r 29, 1701." { Liveries, vestures, fees, & other allowances, payable in money yearly to His Ma^ties serv^ts, &c."

Signed: "Montagu." [The Earl of Montague was keeper of the great wardrobe.] 6 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 42. Report of the Agents for the Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the account of Mr. Mollineux, late Receiver-General of the Taxes for the county of Lancaster; showing that 3,737*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* were due from him on the 4*s.* aid. Dated 30 Dec. 1701.

Also a previous report from them on the same subject, dated 19 June 1701, together with a petition. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 43. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of the Royal African Company, praying assistance to be afforded by officers of the Customs for the salvage of a cargo in the ship "Amity," cast away in Donworly Bay, near Kinsale in Ireland, and that the goods "salved" might be brought to the Custom-house, London, for the duty to be paid. They state, "that it is the constant usage of this kingdom, and we suppose of others, that when any ship is cast on shoare by distress, being bound to any other port, to permitt the goods to be unloaden, in order to refitt the ship; or if that ship be disabled to pursue her voyage, to permitt the goods to be reladen on any other ship to prosecute the intended voyage, without payment of any custome in the place

1701. where such distress happens;" in favour of compliance with the petition. Dated 31 Dec. 1701.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the memorial and a certificate. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 44. A state of the debt due in the Cofferer's Office for salaries, pensions, "empcions," and extraordinaries for one year and a half, ending the last day of December 1701. 1 *page.*

Dec. 31. 45. Report of Mr. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Roger Pilcher, certifying that the petitioner had an execution out against him for 300*l.*, for exporting wool; that during the late war he secured, at some hazard, Sir Adam Blair and Doctor Gray, also Captain Bish and Old Brumfeild the Quaker, and after that one Cooper and Maurice Trant, a notorious offender, when endeavouring to get off beyond sea. The expense the petitioner had been at had very much reduced his estate, and the cost of the conviction of the petitioner amounted to upwards of 50*l.* Dated 31 Dec. 1701.

The petition and a certificate in favour of the petitioner by Sir Basil Dixwell.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Queen. Read 9th June 1702. Granted to be discharged, according to ye peticon & report." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 46. Report of R. Cotton and Tho. Frankland, Postmasters-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mathew Page and Peter Naylor, of Warrington. They should have made a report much sooner; but by the death of their late Secretary the papers were mislaid. Certifying that the petitioners were in a state of great want and not capacitated to pay what they owed the King (150*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*), and that it was of no use that the debt should remain as a *super* upon the accounts. Dated — Dec. 1701.

Minuted:—"To be discharged." 2 *pages.*

1701. 47. A collection of papers, showing the monthly amounts received for fees by various officers at the Treasury. These include fees for payments out of secret service moneys. For the year 1701.

The months of September and November are missing. 38 *pages or parts of pages.*

[Perhaps about 1701.] 48. "A schedule or table of the fees and salaries of the officers of His Majesties Mint," viz., those payable to and by the warden and to and by the master and worker. 1 *page.*

[? Perhaps 1701.] 49. A mere note to put the King in mind of a petition of the Lord Coningsby, desiring a longer time in his grant of gamekeeper of Ireland and ranger of Phœnix Park.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also a copy of the patent granting the same office to William Ryder and Edward Richbell, Esq. Dated 13 Sept. 1677.

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This may be any date between 1692 and 1701.

By the letter and minute books Lord Coningsby appears to have been engaged in Ireland in those years.

The salary of ranger of the park was under consideration on 23 April 1701. See *Minute Book*, Vol. X., p. 256. 2½ *pages and a few lines.*

50. Ireland. "Acco^{t} of first fruits and twentyeth parts."
Totals for all the years 1692 to 1701. 1 *page.*

51. "Barbadoes, 1701. State of the accompt of Charles Thomas, Esq., Receiver-General of Her Majesty's casual revenues in Barbadoes for ships and goods seized during the government of the Lord Grey."
"A true abstract of the accompt as transmitted. William Blathwayt." 1 *page.*

52. Memoranda of certain debts due from Fredrick the Third, King of Denmark, to the executor of the late Sir Wm. Blackett, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Baronet, for certain cloth supplied in the year 1658, together with interest for 43 years detention of the ship, &c.
At the foot is "*Anno* 1701." 1 *page.*

53. "1701. Acco^{t} of moneys directed (and humbly pray'd to be directed) by the R^{t} Hon^{ble} y^{e} Lords Comm^{rs} of His Maj^{ts} Treasury, towards paym^{t} of the debt for sick & wounded seamen & pris^{rs} of war."
Also—
"Estimate of the debts for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to be paid out of the second 200,000*l.*, granted by Parliam^{t} in 1701 for y^{e} said service." 1½ *pages.*

54. *A paper docquetted* :—"Acc^{t} of 20,000*l.* received and paid for sick and wounded seamen, &c., *anno* 1701." 1 *page.*

55. Petition of Lionel Earl of Orrery to the King, showing that by inquisition it was found that Sir Roger Strickland was outlawed for high treason, and that he was seized of a capital messuage and other messuages and farms, with a park in the manor or parishes of Catteract, Thornton, Briggs, Brafferton, Helperby, and Cundall, in the county of York, and of the tithes of Brafferton, amounting to 500*l. per ann.*, and for the lives of John Croseland, and others of other tithes in Helperby and Brafferton of the value of 65*l. per ann.*; praying in consideration of his losses in Ireland during the war (two of his towns, worth about 1,000*l. per ann.*, and his house and furniture, which cost 30,000*l.*, having been burnt) that he might have as well the reversion of the above premises after the expiry of the lease for 21 years granted in 1697 to Mr. Johnstowne, there being 17 years of it to come, as also of the tithes.
Minuted :—"To be layd before ye K. respited." 1 *page.*

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56. Petition of George Oxenden, LL.D., to the Lords of the Treasury, for a warrant for payment of 150*l.* due to him at Lady Day 1701 for a year and a half's salary as Judge of the Admiralty, of the Cinque Ports.

Minuted:—"One year to be pd." 1 *page.*

[Perhaps about 1701.]

57. "Proposall for establishing the under-written allowances to the Public Ministers in lieu of all demands for their ordinary entertainm^ts & bills for extra^ry disbursem^ts."

At the foot are the following suggestions:—

"I conceive these allowances may be sufficient; but in case it be objected that they are too small for France, Vienna, and Holland, I humbly submit whether it may not be more advisable to employ in those courts persons who have some other imployment rather than make a 'president' of increasing the allowances."

"Algiers & Tripoli are put down at their old setled allowances, but it being brought into a custome to make presents to the Turkish officers at their grand festivals, I humbly conceive some consideration ought to be had for the same, and believe 200*l.* a year for Algiers and 150*l.* a year for Tripoli will be sufficient.

"If the envoy in Portugal be made consul, some of his allowance may be saved.

"The allowance at Brussels may cease on the settlement of those provinces.

"If a resident shall be thought sufficient at Berlin, 1,000*l.* a year may be saved there. The like in some other courts."

There is nothing to show whose proposal it is. 1 *page.*

58. "A comparison of the duties payable on the four species excepted out of the rule of the tariffs of 1664, with what they are now lyable to by several subsequent tariffs, and how they will stand charged by the tariff of 1699."

The articles on which the duties were levied are whalebone and fins, train oil, broadcloth, serge, fish, and sugar, and the comparison comes down to 1701. 1 *page.*

[? 1701 or after.]

59. Note of Sir Edw. Northey to William Lowndes, Esq., stating that Mr. Solicitor and he had perused the bill for raising money to discharge the Civil List from the debts on it, and approved of it.

[Sir Edw. Northey was made Attorney-General on 7 July 1701, and by his speaking of "M^r Solicitor & he," it seems after his appointment.] *Part of a page.*

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60. Memorial of Richard Povey, receiver for the sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for an allowance of 83*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* for discount on 375*l.* in bank notes. With a note at the foot that the discounting was done at the request of the persons signing.

Minuted:—"Allowd." 1 *page.*

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1701. [Perhaps about 1700 or 1701.] 61. A case apparently submitted for counsel's opinion as to whether certain spirits were low wines or not, giving a great variety of particulars as to distilling. Undated, but in the reign of a king, and after the 8th of Will. III. 3 *pages.*

[? End of 1701.] 62. Copies of letters from the navy and victualling office touching the pursers' balance bills and the Treasurer of the Navy's ledger in 1698, also concerning bills made out to Mr. George Rowe for money paid to persons for sea and harbour victuals, &c. The last is dated 18 Aug. 1701.

Most likely an enclosure. 4 *pages.*

[Probably after 1700.] 63. "A list of such servants who have allowances in severall offices."

They received their wages from the Household Establishment or from the Treasurer of the Chamber principally.

Undated, but perhaps 1701, Mr. Studholme mentioned as keeper and guide of roads, occupied that office in 1701 and earlier. See *Money Book,* Vol. XV. 4 *leaves.*

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1701 or 1702. 1. Petition of Thomas Earl of Sussex to the King, stating that King Charles II. promised him 20,000*l.* with the Countess of Sussex, who was his natural daughter, as a marriage portion, but as it did not suit His Majesty to pay the money he granted them 2,000*l.* a year for their support until it was paid, upon which there was a great debt owing; praying payment.

[The contents of this petition are nearly identical with that in Vol. LVIII., No. 48.]

Also "the state of the Earl of Sussex, his case," as to his wife's portion. Undated, but 1701 or 1702. An epitome of this petition is entered in the *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 213, on 8 July 1702, with this order upon it, "Her Ma^{ty} can take noe consideration of arrears, but is pleased to continue the "1,200^{li}" a year for the future." 4 *pages.*

[? Early in 1702.] 2. Petition of Isaac Teale and Robert Gower, apothecaries, showing that they had delivered to Brigadier Selwyn a quantity of medicines, drugs, and utensils for the use of the forces in the West Indies, to the value of 155*l.* 10*s.*, a like quantity also having been supplied by other persons by mistake in Ireland; praying payment, &c.

Also four other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to pay this in Ireld." 5 *pages.*

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1701–2. Jan. 4. 3. Letter from Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury to the Hon. Mr. Hill of the Treasury. The Archbishop of Philippoli was about to return, and hoped for some mark of respect from the King, who had promised one. Asking that His Majesty might be reminded. He had formerly 60 guineas from the bishops, and the writer had about 200 more for him to-morrow, and hoped he would return well pleased. Dated 4 Jan. 1701.
Minuted:—"P[d] 6 Feb. 1701. 200[li]." 1 *page.*

Jan. 6. 4. Letter from Mr. Walter Wallinger to the Lords of the Treasury. The account of Sir Henry Furness, being transmitted into the Pipe Office he was directed to give a speedy despatch to the *quietus* thereon, but it was an account which would require several months, there being 4,100 tallies to be examined and allowed, for which there was a fee of 1*s.* each tally due to him as was always taken by his predecessors secondaries in the said office, and by himself for 50 years. The other fees upon the account were to the Hon. Robert Lord Russell, Clerk of the Pipe, upon the *quietus* 5*l.*; the attorney and his clerks, and for the stamp duty, 10*l.* Dated 6 Jan. 1701–2.
Letter of Lionel Herne on the same subject.
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 113, 21 Jan. 1701, is:—"M[r] Wallinger. He insists upon his fee of 12[d] per tally. Q[re] whether it be in the inquisicon taken *tempore Jac. pr.* He saies he will proceed in examining the tallys and submit the fees to my Lords determination. My Lords think fifty pounds will be a reasonable compensation." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 5. Letter of Mr. John Sansom to Mr. Lowndes, sending accounts of saltpetre imported and exported for a year. Dated 6 Jan. 1701.
Also the two accounts. 3 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 7.] 6. Petition of Thomas Baston to the King, showing that his brother John Baston raised and maintained a company of foot in the late rebellion in Ireland, which so incensed the Irish papists, that they burnt eleven houses and plundered and totally ruined his estate; that hoping to retrieve his fortune he built a small vessel called the "Whitehall Yacht," which he put in the King's service in the late war, and this was taken by a French privateer, by which he was so reduced that for a small subsistence he served her late Majesty as a clerk, under Mons. D'Allonne, her secretary, when he did several things for Her Majesty's closet in writing and drawing with a pen, which gave Her Majesty great satisfaction, but after her decease he had no care taken of him as her other servants had. That by the King's order, through Major-Gen. Trelawny, he made a draught of the lighthouse on the Eddystone, near Plymouth, which the King then had at Kensington, and afterwards, by his express orders, a second draught of the same, much larger, and according to the new alterations, which were then made in that lighthouse, together with the draughts of several of the King's ships of war, which after much pains and six months labour, he performed to general satisfaction, and delivered to the King at Hampton Court three days before

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his departure to Holland in the last year ; for which he had received no manner of reward or gratification, but was reduced, with his wife and children, to great want and poverty. Praying for the royal bounty and for a provision to be made in consideration of his sufferings.

Minuted :—"To be laid before ye K. Read 7 Janry 1701. To have 30*l.* in full. Paid 29th Janry 1701."

This is a beautiful specimen of caligraphy, and no doubt the petitioner's own work. 1 *small page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 8. 7. Debts owing by the Victualling Office which were due on the 31st of December 1701.

A copy drawn out for some special purpose, as there is at the foot, "Exd T.R. Janry 8, 1701." 1 *page.*

Jan. 8. 8. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Weemes, wife to James Weems, Esq., captain of one of the four Independent Companies at New York, praying that the pay and off-reckonings of her husband's company might be paid to Mr. Champante or be accounted for to the captain ; finding that the Governors of New York, as Commanders-in-chief, had appointed persons to receive the pay, &c., and that Lord Cornbury, then the governor, had appointed Mr. Andrews to be agent of the Four Companies, and had given assignments to clothiers for 2,124*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* out of off-reckonings for clothing already provided or to be provided. The disbursements for clothing were unlikely to be paid except Mr. Champante, agent to the Four Companies, were authorised to receive the pay and off-reckonings. He was further of opinion that the sums made out by the petitioner's husband or other captains as disbursed for clothing should be charged on the off-reckonings. Dated 8 Jan. 1701–2.

Minuted :—"23 Janry 1701–2. My Lords canot give direction to the Earle of Ranelagh how he is to apply ye off-reckonings; but his Lop will take care to pay the same from time to time to whom they are due."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 9. 9. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, enclosing an account of the disposal of money in Holland in the last year, in which was an addition relating to levy money and presents to the Danish Court not included in the paper he presented to the King at the Treasury on the previous Wednesday. Dated 9 Jan. 1701–2. *A few lines.*

Jan. 9. 10. "Estimate of the debts for sick and wounded seamen to be paid out of the second 20,000*l.* granted by the parliamt in 1701 for the said service." 9 January 1701–2. 1 *page.*

Jan. 9. 11. *Docquetted :*—"Ireland. L. Conningsby's rept upon the petitions of sevll French officers. Janry ye 9th 1701–2."

The report is as to several officers of the late French regiments of foot who had petitioned for their arrears of pay due to 31 Dec. 1691, the pretensions of some of whom had then been admitted and

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others disallowed. The present report distinguishes them under the following heads, viz. :—"First, such as do personally appear in their own right with regular accoᵗˢ & certificates. Secondly, such as do claim by letters of attorney from absent officers said to be now living with like accounts and certˢ, showing what is due to such absent officers. Thirdly, such as do claim as heirs to the deceas'd persons. Fourthly, those who claim as execʳˢ or by ltres of administration." Dated 9 Jan. 1701–2.

In the margins are the minutes on the separate cases in Mr. Lowndes' hand. 3½ *brief sized pages.*

Jan 10. 12. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the debts of the Office of the Works, up to December 1701. Dated 10 Jan. 1701–2.

Minuted :—"Kensington, Jan. 14ᵗʰ 1701–2. Examine the particulars of the summe expended last year in the works at Whitehall.

"The King ought not to be at the charge of any worke at Sᵗ James's.

The 50*l.* a week to the gardens and the money for the mason, plumber, & others at Hampton Court are to be paid weekly, and my Lords are to consider of paying the present debt to the works.

"And my Lords are to have a state of all the worke ordered to be done this year." 1 *page.*

Jan. 10. 13. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the case of Mr. Charles Atherton, serjeant plumber. It required more time than ordinary to "retrospect" the books some 23 years back. They had adjusted his debts unpaid, chargeable in their office, amounting to 1,464*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; they also gave an account of what was not chargeable in their office. The reason he was not paid in their office might be that about the year 1692 every artificer or tradesman belonging to His Majesty's works that would advance double his debts in money by way of loan into the Exchequer, had in lieu thereof tallies struck for the same and his debts included, which cleared most of the old debts in the office; whatever might be the reason, they found it unpaid in the books and it could not be paid without their Lordships' particular direction. Dated 10 Jan. 1701–2.

Accompanied by the petition and two accounts.

There are two or three minutes on the back, the last of which is :—

"22ᵗʰ July 1702. Read. Officers of works are here. They say its a just debt but very old." 4 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 14. Certificate of Mr. Thomas Taylor, Deputy Paymaster of the Board of Works, to the Lords of the Treasury, that 301*l.* out of 2,115*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* had been paid to Mr. Henry Wise for works done in the gardens and park at Hampton Court, viz., by weekly payments of 75*l.* Dated 12 Jan. 1701.

Also a letter from Mr. William Lowndes, directing the above certificate to be returned. 2 *pages.*

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Jan. 12. 15. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Simon Donjoy, a collector of excise in the counties of Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex, suspended from his employment for arrears in his accounts; finding that the petitioner stood indebted upon the balance of his excise and leather accounts, 1,622*l.* 17*s.* 8¾*d.* Dated 12 Jan. 1701.
Also the petition.
Minuted:—"Read 20 Jan. 1701–2. Read to my Lord Treasurer Dec. 1st 1702." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 13. 16. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. In December 1699 they had an intimation that French wines were imported from St. Sebastians and neighbouring ports of Spain, and they directed the surveyors to taste all wines "officiously" to discover whether they were of French growth or mixed with French, and in that case to seize them in order to a trial. They went on tasting till the 29th of January, when they tasted some from St. Antonio which they believed to be French, on which they were directed to seize in order to have a trial for the French duty. Divers other wines were also seized from Bilboa, St. Sebastians, and other ports, and in Easter term a parcel of wines belonging to Mr. Creagh was brought to trial, before which they discovered that Robert Leslie, who had been at St. Sebastians, could prove that several ships under prosecution took in their loadings at that port out of French barques; notwithstanding which evidence, seconded by Bishop, a mariner, the jury brought a verdict against the King; but a new trial was granted. Soon after one Gamell offered to discover matters of great importance, and it was found that he was privy to the whole transaction of the French trade. The merchants apprehending fresh evidence made proposals to treat, on which it was agreed that they should make up what they had already paid for Spanish duty to two-thirds of the appraised value of their wines. The Com^rs recommend that "Lesly" and Gamell should have 500*l.* each, and that Bishop, being already employed in the Customs, should have 200*l.*, and that the surveyors and other officers should have other rewards, which would amount to about 400*l.* "for their help in retrieving about 22,000*l.* in the whole more than the Spanish duty." Dated 13 Jan. 1701.
Minuted:—"Agreed. A warr^t to the Rec^r Gen^ll to pay this out of ye new subsidy." 2¼ *pages.*

Jan. 13. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Roger Beal, distiller, whose stillhouse was burnt, as to his debt for duties on low wines and spirits; recommending proceedings to be stayed if he gave good security for the payment. Dated 13 Jan. 1701.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan 13. 18. An application from Mr. John Gauntlett for an order to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay the Keeper of the Council Records

1701–2. his usual allowance of 90*l.* a year, for providing stationery for the council chamber and office, pursuant to a warrant. Dated 13 Jan. 1701–2.

The warrant referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol XI., p. 117, 27 Jan. 1701, is:—"M^r^ Gauntlett, 90^l.^" 2 *pages.*

Jan. 13. 19. "An account of how much will be necessary to pay halfe a year to the Public Ministers." Dated 13 Jan. 1701–2.

Giving a list of them. They are the same as those in Vol. LXXVII., No. 36, except two, viz., Mr. Methuen and Mr. Whitworth, who are not in this list. 1 *page.*

Jan. 16. 20. Copy of Order in Council by the Lords Justices to the principal Officers of Ordnance, for the furnishing 2,000 muskets out of the King's stores, to be sent to Ireland for the supply of the magazines there.

The copy made out for some purpose on 16 Jan, 1701–2.

Another similar order for 700 pikes and 2,000 muskets. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 21. Certificate, signed Robert Sedgwick, as to plate delivered out of the jewel house to the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Williamson, Principal Secretary of State, upon two occasions, viz., on 27 March 1675 and on 17 Apr. 1697. Upon the latter date he went as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the treaty of general peace. Certified 17 Jan. 1701–2. 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 22. Letter from Mr. J. Bridges to William Lowndes, Esquire. By their Lordships order he had advised with Mr. Attorney-General on the enclosed presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs relating to the cause of wrecked goods lately determined against the King in the Court of King's Bench, and he having underwritten his opinion, that it was not advisable to bring it before the House of Lords, the writer desired their Lordships' directions that if they acquiesced in the judgment of Westminster Hall, he might stop the great expense of proceeding further upon the writ of error. Dated 20 Jan. 1701–2.

Minuted:—"20 Jan. 1701–2. M^r^ Bridges is told that he must lett this matter drop as quietly as he can."

Accompanied by the presentment, on which is written the Attorney-General's opinion.

And another paper, entitled:—"An acco^t^ of the cause relating to wreckt goods lately determined in the Courts of Common Pleas & King's Bench. 3½ *pages.*

[About Jan. 21.] 23. Petition of Dr. Christian Harel to the King. On the accession he was sworn physician in ordinary to the King and Queen, with a salary of 219*l. per ann.*, and about the same time apothecary to the Queen, at a salary of 200*l. per ann.*; and to attend these employments he had put off other business. By some mistake he was struck out of Mr. Nicholas' list as though provided for some other way, though nothing else had been given, but his salary of 219*l.*,

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payable in the treasurer of the Chamber's Office, was also taken away. Praying for the re-establishment of his salaries.

Minuted:—"Read before the K. 21 Jan 1701. To be continued on Mr Nicholas his list for so much as he had there." 1 *page.*

Jan. 23. 24. Petition of Henry Lowman, housekeeper and wardrobe keeper of Kensington, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for payment of 263*l.* transferred by Simon Brienne, his predecessor, and also for one year's salary (two years being due to him) to make him equal in payment with the rest of His Majesty's family.

Another memorial to the same effect, *minuted*:—"To be considered in the distribution of the bill mony," and a memorandum of what was due to him. On the back of the latter is:—"23th Janry 1701. Mr Lowman's memorial." 2½ *pages*

Jan. 23. 25. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary, widow of Ralph Williamson, Esq., as to the state of his accounts as Receiver-General of Taxes in the counties of York, Durham, and Northumberland. She claimed an allowance of 5,150*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, &c. Dated 23 Jan. 1701.

Accompanied by (1) another report from them of 21 July 1700; (2) the petition of his widow; (3) an account of money paid into the receipt of the Exchequer by him; (4) a duplicate of a report made by the Agents 29 Nov. 1698; (5) another of 14 July 1696; (6) a letter from Mr. Lowndes thereon; (7) another petition from the widow.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrt for ye 5150. 6. 6. and a direction for the 2,000*l.*, according to ye former minute, out of ye first arrears." 8 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 26. A warrant of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lord Charles, Lord Halifax, auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, to pass debentures for payment of 10*l.* 10*s.* to the churchwardens of St. Botolphs, London. Dated 23 Jan. 1701. 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 27.] 27. Memorial of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the King, asking for some chapel furniture to be allowed to Mr. Cressett, Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Hanover and Zell, the chaplain then being ready to go to Hanover.

Minuted:—"27 Jany 1701–2. To be laid before ye King. Read 4 Feby 1701. To have 100li to furnish his chappel. Pd. 6 Feb." ½ *page.*

[? About Jan. 27.] 28. Petition of Charles Colinge, late yeoman of the guns, son to Richard Colinge, Esq., late clerk of the Council and Secretary to the late Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Dorset, addressed to the King. Praying that his salary of 18*l.* 5*s.* *per ann.* should be continued, the late regulation having deprived him of it.

Minuted:—"27 Jany 1701–2. To be laid before ye King." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 27.] 29. Petition of the officers of the late regiment of Col. Edw. Fox to the King. They were disbanded in the Leeward Islands in

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America, and to prevent the soldiers from being mutinous, out of their own money lent them 1,106*l.* The Lords Justices directed them to be paid, but Lord Ranelagh had no fund: praying further directions might be given.

Minuted:—"27 Jany 1701–2. To be laid before ye King. Ref. to E. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 27.] 30. Petition of Elizabeth Grove, relict of the late Bishop of Chichester, praying for continuance of the Royal bounty, her husband having died so soon after he came to the bishopric, leaving her and her children without support.

Minuted:—"27 Jan. 1701–2. To be laid before ye King. Read 11 Feb. 1701. 400li p̃d 17th Feb. 1701." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Jan. 27.] 31. "State of ye defalcac̃ons in Sr Ed. Seymour's time, as adjustd wth Mr Clark, Janry 1701–2."

Minuted:—"Read 27 Janry 1701–2." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 32. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial as to remitting the subsistence of the "company of Sir Henry Belasyses regiment" at the Bermudas. Dated 29 Jan. 1701.

The memorial referred to of Robert Gardner, the agent. 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 33. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending similar treatment of the informations exhibited as well by Saml. Mason, and Jephson Towers, as Thomas Bellamy, against merchants who had imported French wines as Spanish, to that recommended on 20 Nov. last, viz., the Attorney-General to *non pros.* the informations, and assist the merchants in their defence. Dated 31 Jan. 1701.

Two other papers connected therewith.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 4 *pages.*

Feb. 3. 34. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. In obedience to their Lordships' commands they had caused a deputation to be despatched to Mr. James Merrick to be waiter at Southampton, instead of Mr. Dickinson, deceased, but reminding their Lordships of a regulation proposed by them to the Lords of the Treasury in Oct. 1696, as a method to introduce properly qualified officers, which seemed then to be approved by their Lordships. It ran thus:—"That none be for the future imployed in the service of the Customes above the degree of tidesman, boatman, & preventive officer who have not been instructed, and that to appeare by certificat from such proper officers to whome it should be referr'd by the Commrs to examine their qualification. And that no such certificat be given to any person who has not attended six months to be instructed." The Comrs further came to the resolution not to present any person to their Lordps for a collector, surveyor, or landwaiter, whom they should not first personally examine as to his qualification for the place intended, with regard

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to the port in which he was to serve, because, according to the variety of trade, more knowledge and experience were necessary in one port than another. The Com^rs had thought of a proper person for this vacancy, and having personally examined him at the Board, referred him for further examination of the surveyors of this port, who having examined him, gave a certificate of his ability and fitness, and the Com^rs presented him to their Lordships for employment, but having received their Lordships' warrant for James Merrick, who at the board acknowledged he had no experience in Custom-house business, they referred him to the surveyor, whose certificate is annexed. The Com^rs thought it necessary to lay the whole before their Lordships, before they issued their deputation, which was the cause of the delay. They further say that the port of Southampton is a port of considerable action, that requires an officer of skill and experience. The Com^rs had not any objection to the person appointed, but thought he required time and experience to qualify him for the business. Dated 3 Feb. 1701–2.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Feb. 1701–2."

Accompanied by copy of the report referred to of 8 Oct. 1696. Also the examination papers of the candidates referred to, with the certificates at the foot. 6½ *pages.*

Feb. 3. 35. Report of the Com^rs of Customs on a proposal of the Com^rs of Excise to put the duties upon imported liquors under the management of the Com^rs and officers of Customs, not objecting thereto, although it would be additional trouble. Dated 3 Feb. 1701–2.

Minuted:—"Prepare a clause for imported liquors."

Accompanied by the proposal referred to, and a report of the Patent officers [of the port of London], not objecting to the proposed alterations upon suitable allowance being made for their additional charge and trouble. 3 *pages.*

[About Feb. 3.] 36. Petition of Sir Salathiel Lovell, knt., one of the King's sergeants-at-law, and Recorder of London, to the King, showing that Joseph Horton being possessed of the lease of a farm in Cotton Abbots, in Cheshire, of about 80*l. per ann.*, and other possessions, was attainted of high treason upon the Act against coiners; that the estates were so much encumbered as to be of little profit to the King, and as the petitioner for the last nine years had had more trouble and fatigue in the discovery and conviction of such offenders and other criminals than any person in the kingdom, he prayed for the King's interest therein, &c.

Accompanied by the particular of the estate, both real and personal, of Joseph Horton, attainted of high treason. Also another paper, containing articles with which the prosecutor in the suit of Rex *v.* Horton might be accused.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 120, 3 Feb. 1701–2, is:—

"S^r Jo^n Stanley & S^r Salath Lovell ab^t Horton's estate. forfeited } S^r Sal. saies he has served 10 years in a place of great trouble & little profitt. The K. is sensible he hath been a greater loser by that servis. It has been usuall for psons in

1701–2. his place to go into Westm^r Hall early. His place is but 80^l a year sallary, & small perquisites. The K. ordered him to lodg his peticon here. The warden (saies S^r Sal) knows there are incumbrances above 900^l; S^r Sal. hears more. The premises are not improvable, he objects ag^t the P.S., as to rayse a fond to prosecute men's lives, w^ch the law disallows: the forfeitures should go to the hands of y^e sheriff to acc^t for the same to the K. There ought to be noe motive to prosecute any man's life, but justice," &c. [There are some further particulars as to the same property.]

And at p. 126, 11 Feb. 1701–2, is:—"Sir Salathiel Lovell is to have the forfeited estate of Horton, and to be only at the future charge of recovering the same." 4½ *pages.*

Feb. 4. 37. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Richard Blackmore, one of the executors of Edward Pilsworth, surveyor-general and receiver of the duties on strong waters, cider, and coffee; praying to be discharged from Pilsworth's debt; showing that Pilsworth was a debtor to the Crown, and the petitioner was possessed of his property and liable for the debt which was unappropriated. Dated 4 Feb. 1701.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K. Read 9^th June 1702. Granted." 4 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 38. Copy of a memorial of Robert Henley to the King, praying that his son might be employed in transporting His Majesty's forces. Dated 5 Feb. 1701–2. ½ *page.*

Feb. 10. 39. Letter from the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an account of 3,000 muskets and 1,000 long pikes for the supply of the magazines in Ireland, amounting to 3,316*l.* 10*s.*; desiring the King's letters for payment, as they were to be paid for in Ireland. Dated 10 Feb. 1701–2.

Also the account, and copy of order in Council for furnishing the above, dated 18 Dec. 1701. 3 *pages.*

1701. [About Feb. 10.] 40. Letter of Mr. T. Done [Auditor of Imprests], to George Dodington, Esq. He had sent him the imprest roll relating to Lord Orford's account for the year 1696 to be perfected. How the charge in 1695 and 1697 should be so great and that of 1696 so little he could not tell, but it seemed strange. The irregularity must be removed before his Lordship's accounts could be perfected.

Minuted:—"10 Feb. 1701. To the two Aud^rs of Imprests to be here to-morr. senight."

Also his letter which accompanied the imprests roll. 2 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 10.] 41. Petition of Charles Badham, clerk, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was placed in a minor canonry of St. Paul's, London, the income of which was 24*l.* a year, and the first-fruits 16*l.*; he had a family to maintain, and no other encouragement,

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though he had served the King in the late wars five years ; and in the West Indies and Flanders ; imploring to be allowed to take up his last bond gratis, which amounted to 3*l.* 12*s.*, besides fees.

Minuted :—"10 Feb. 1701. My Lords canot advise ye King to forgive his x^ths." ½ *page.*

Feb. 11. 42. "An acco^t of mony due to the publique ministers in His Ma^ty service abroad, and to such of them as are returned home." Dated 11 Feb. 1701–2.

Minuted :—"To be layd before ye K."

Accompanied by a memorial of the Marquis D'Arzeliers, who attended the King into England in 1688, afterwards sent to Switzerland, then to reside at Genoa. His claim was for 1,052*l.* 10*s.* The King had granted him a pension of 6*s.* a day in Ireland, commencing 1 July 1699.

[The ink of this petition has some great peculiarity in it, for although perfectly black it has sunk through the paper, and on the next leaf there is a perfect copy of it. It has also gone quite through the preceding leaf so as to be legible.] 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 11.] 43. Petition of William Fanshaw, showing that he was a servant of King Charles II., and intermarried with the late Duke of Monmouth's sister, then the widow of William Sarsfield, Esq. ; the King gave him thereupon a marriage portion of 400*l.* a year, which was duly paid during the King's life ; the pension was taken from him in King James's time because he persuaded his wife to quit the Popish communion and become a Protestant, and when King James went into Ireland, Col. Sarsfield, a younger brother of petitioner's wife's first husband, seized on her jointure and procured the attainder of the petitioner ; when Ireland was subdued the officers of William III. seized the jointure as forfeited by Col. Sarsfield, and raised above 2,000*l.* on it for the payment of Col. Sarsfield's debts. Their Majesties granted the petitioner a pension of 300*l.* a year, viz., 200*l.* out of the Royal Oak lottery, and 40*s.* a week out of secret service money ; the petitioner's wife was dead, and left him three daughters and a son, and no support but this pension, which was several years in arrears : praying for payment thereof.

Minuted :—"Read 11 Feb. 1701. Make a state of what he has had, and in what manner." 1 *page.*

Feb. 12. 44. "Payments to M^r Fanshaw since His Majesty's accession to the Crown (exclusive of his penc̃on of 200^l *per annum* out of the lottery rent)."

From the docquet the date is 12 Feb. 1701.

Minuted :—"Read to y^e Q. 9^th June 1702." 1 *page.*

Feb. 12. 45. Letter from the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, *docquetted :*—"For cancelling small victualling bills & making out gross bills in lieu thereof, & lodging y^e cancelled bills with the Com^rs of y^e victualling." Dated 12 Feb. 1701. 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 12. 46. A letter from the Navy Board to Mr. Lowndes, *docquetted*:—"About 13,333l 6s 8d in tallys & orders on ye 2d 2s ayd deficient." Dated 12 Feb. 1701–2. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 12. 47. Letter, signed Char. Potts, to the Hon. Major-General Lumley. At the desire of the Major-General, Col. Whithers, and Col. Wood, he had viewed and now reported on the condition of the invalids in the garrison at Windsor as to their being capacitated "to be received into pension." There was scarce one who had not been wounded in the service of the Crown, &c. Dated 12 Feb. 1701–2.

There is also a list of nine names of soldiers sick at London, &c. 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 19. 48. Letter, signed Richard Hindmarsh, to the Right Hon. Major-General Lumley, reporting on the condition of the company of invalids at Tynemouth Castle, that they were truly qualified and no other than invalids, for many of them were aged, several had been in the service 30, 25, and 20 years, most of them were disabled by wounds and bodily infirmities, so that there were not above four or five fit to serve the King abroad. Dated 19 Feb. 1701–2. ½ *page.*

Feb. 20. 49. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard and Anne Bynns, son and granddaughter of Col. Richard Bynns, deceased, praying payment of arrears due to the Colonel. He found that the Colonel had a pension of 23*s.* a day for being discharged out of the first troop of guards, and for his good service (particularly in having prevented the breaking of that troop at the Revolution), which had been cleared to Dec. 1698. There remained due to him on 29 Dec. 1701 (the day of his death) 1,226*l.* 14*s.*, which he was informed was the only provision for the petitioners. Dated 20 Feb. 1701.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K."

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 50. Copy of a letter of Richard Dalton to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Treasury, respecting the exchange of lands with the Dean and Canons of Windsor. The fee farm that he parted with to the Church was one entire rent of 48*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, and he had set it to the Dean, &c. for 1,100*l.*, "but betwixt man & man is sold at 1,200l and 200l more is to be payd into the Exchequer," &c. If their Lordships did not think fit to proceed upon the reversion proposed he was content to take it in money and the bill might be altered accordingly. Dated 23 Feb. 1701–2.

There is also another paper with this, showing that His present Majesty and King Charles II. had taken into the Great and Little Parks of Windsor several parcels of land belonging to the Dean and Canons of Windsor, who desired as a recompense and for their charges in passing an Act, that the rent of 48*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* payable to Mr. Dalton might be extinguished, which Mr. Dalton would agree to if the King conveyed certain reversions of possessions in St. James Street, Pall Mall, and Palace Yard. These had been

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surveyed and agreed to by the Lords of the Treasury, and the surplus to be paid into the Exchequer, but it required the King's consent to obtain an Act of Parliament.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K."

See also Vol. LXXV., No. 22.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 146, 1 April 1702, is:—"My Lords will cause 1,300l to be p̃d to Mr Richd Dalton for his fee-farm rent, upon the passing of ye Act pursuant to ye Queen's pleasure signified by Her Matv."

There is also a *Minute*, on 14 April 1702, at p. 150, to issue that amount. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 24.] 51. Presentment of the Comrs for adjusting, stating, and clearing the debt for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners-at-war, as to what had been directed out of 40,000*l.* granted by Parliament. 5,614*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* remained to be directed on 24 Feb. 1701–2. 2 *pages and two halves* (*quarto*).

Feb. 25. 52. Letter of Major Tho. Hand to Major-General Lumley and the rest of the general officers at Whitehall, as to the state of health and fitness for superannuation of the Company of Invalids at Chester under the command of Captain Twiddal. Dated 25 Feb. 1701.

Also "A list of Captn Twiddal's invalid soldiers resideing at London." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 53. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petitions of Michael Burmingham and Francis Hawkins, two of the sureties of Peter Lynch, late of London, merchant; they had enquired into the state of Lynch's debt and his sureties. Their solicitor's report was that Mr. Lynch being out of England they could not come at him or his effects; that George Thornburgh, one of the sureties (for 740*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.*) was a poor fellow and a prisoner in the King's Bench; that Michael Burmingham, another of the securities, was a poor barber in Finch Lane, he had seized all his goods amounting to 44*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*; that Francis Hawkins another of the securities was a journeyman cooper and a very poor fellow and absconded; that he had seized the effects of Joseph Moore, another of the sureties, and his friends had raised the amount he was bound for, &c. Dated 25 Feb. 1701–2.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Mar. 1701. Nothing can be done because the mony is appropriated."

Accompanied by the two petitions and five other papers relating thereto. 10 *pages and parts of pages.*

Feb. 26. 54. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Gilbert Spencer, gent., late receiver-general of taxes in the county of Kent; recommending that he should be allowed 95*l.* at the receipt of the Exchequer as he had paid in a hundred pounds Exchequer bill in mistake for 5*l.* Dated 26 Feb. 1701–2.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

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Feb. 26. 55. Reports of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury: they had carefully examined the account annexed of moneys which the receivers' deputies in Devonshire had received for the duties on marriages, births, &c.; and they found that more had been received than was brought to account in the receiver-general's books, and that the fact was as set forth in the affidavit of Mr. Walter Wyatt, surveyor. Dated 26 Feb. 1701.

Also the account and affidavit. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 56. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain David De Loches of Sir John Jacob's regiment. He found the respits on the petitioner's company for the months of November and December 1694 amounted to 75*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, and were occasioned by the company being taken prisoners in the expedition to Camarett Bay, &c. If their Lordships thought fit to relieve him it might be by a warrant. About October 1694, 50*l.* were paid to the petitioner, then a prisoner in France, which sum was charged on the accounts of the regiment, but the petitioner considered it as His Majesty's bounty, similar to what was granted to a captain in the same action. He had lost all his arms, and was at the charge of providing new arms for his company. If their Lordships complied with his request His Majesty's warrant must be procured. Dated 27 Feb. 1701.

Minuted:—"10 Apr. 1702. My Lords cannot relieve the pet^{r}."

Also the petition. 2¼ *pages.*

Feb. 28. 57. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Provost and Fellows of Eton College, seeking for payment of a debt of 465*l.* 5*s.* due to them out of the Exchequer or the extension of the term of a lease of the Christopher Inn at Eton (parcel of the possessions of the honor and castle of Windsor), their object being the repair and beautifying the college chapel. By inspection of the college books the surveyor found that King Henry VI. gave to the Provost and Fellows three tuns of Gascon wine yearly, custom free, which used to be paid in kind by the chief butler till the end of the reign of Henry VIII., when it was changed into money at 5*l. per* tun, which was paid to Mich. 1674 and 4*l.* 4*s.* for import duty for the year 1672, since which these allowances were discontinued, amounting to 526*l.* 16*s.* If their term were extended to 51 years at 4*l.* 5*s.* rent it could not be worth 300*l.*, and if made up to 99 years, in respect of the great expense they were at in re-edifying and repairing their college for the encouragement of piety and learning, it would fall short of their demand. Dated "*ult.*" Feb. 1701.

Also the petition and an extract from the College books, and a warrant added to the report by the Lords of the Treasury for the extension of the term to 51 years. Dated 17 April 1702.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XI., p. 213, 8 July 1702, is:—"Provost & Fellows of Eaton Colledge pray that a fine of 300^{li} by M^{r} Surveyor Gen^{ll} for adding 26 years to their present lease of the X̃pher Inn may be remitted in consideration of their having expended 5,000*l.* in

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repairing their chappel, colledge, &c., and of 526. 16. due to them for a composicon for Gascoign wine by a grant from H. 6. Granted without fine." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 28. 58. An account of the arrears of wine licences from 24 June 1670 to the 24th Dec. 1701, returned to the Lords of the Treasury by officers from the Wine Licence office. Dated 28 Feb. 1701. 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 59. "An acc^{t} of disburstments for the imbarking the Morroccoe agents & providing for them whilst on board of His Maj^{ts} shipp Tilbury."

With an acknowledgment of receipt of the sum claimed from Capt. Geo. Delavall, signed Jno. Cassell. Dated 28 Feb. 1701–2. 1 *page.*

March 3. 60. Presentment made to the Lords of the Treasury by Samuel Atkinson and Nicholas Roope, appointed to transport the King's forces. The charge of transporting 3,600 horses and riders from the Thames to Holland would be 11,192*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, of which their Lordships had allowed 4,000*l.*; they ask for a further part.

On the next page are the particulars of the cost.

Minuted:—"3^{d} Mar. 2,000*l.*" 2 *pages.*

March 3. 61. Report of the Com^{rs} for the Revenue by Wine Licenses, on the petition of Edmund Themelthorpe, gent., who signed contracts for payment of rents by retailers of wine in Norwich, Norfolk, and Suffolk, according to the usage of the office. He was a debtor for 318*l.* 15*s.*, for which sum he was sued in the Exchequer. The petitioner had sometimes been employed as an attorney in that office. Dated 3 March 1701.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 3. 62. Memorial of Mr. Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury. At the instance of the Duke of Bolton he laid before their Lordships a particular of repairs and new buildings desired by his Grace to be made at Burghley Lodge in the New Forest, which would require 57*l.* 15*s.* in money and 31 loads of timber. Several enclosures made by Act of Parliament had been broken down by disorderly persons; 40*l.* in money and 40 loads of timber would be required to make good the defects. Some repairs were also needed for the King's castle of St. Briavells in the forest of Deane, to render it convenient for the gentlemen who were constables thereof to hold the Courts there, for which 17*l.* 16*s.* would be required. Dated 3 March 1701.

Also the two estimates.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 3 *pages.*

March 6. 63. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Marmaduke Bealing, Esq., one of His Majesty's gentlemen ushers' quarterly waiters, in favour of his being appointed registrar of the Customs on the surrender of Mr. Ford. Dated 6 March 1701–2.

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Minuted :—"Upon a surr. of the patent for life the office to be granted to the pet^r dur. pleasure. 3 July 1702. Orderd, he first making oath that no money is given or taken for this resignation."

The petition and a letter from Mr. Blathwayt thereon. 3 *pages.*

[? About March 6.] 64. Petition of John Evelyn, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. He had lately exhibited to their Lordships an account of the charges incident to his employment as one of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war, from which two sums for travelling charges and salary were deducted, without an opportunity for him to justify them: praying to lay before their Lordships what he should have said *vivâ voce* if he had been called before their Lordships.

The paper referred to is *docquetted* "John Evelyn, Esq^r., his case."

In it he says, that for travelling charges a decent coach with four horses out of town was charged 20*s.* a day, to which their Lordships had reduced the whole charge, without allowance for lodging and diet for himself and servant and often a clerk, besides other expenses on the coming of officers from ships, hospitals, and prisons who had continual business with him, and without consideration of his having been some hundreds of times to London to visit the several hospitals, prisons, &c., besides the perpetual danger he was exposed to in passing through the whole city during the two first wars, being necessitated to wait on the old Duke of Albemarle at the Cockpit constantly once, and sometimes twice, a week, to receive orders and procure moneys of the receiver, and to carry down slops, bundles of linen, &c. when ten thousand died weekly of the contagion, and all his brother Com^rs "shifted for themselves" and left him alone to take charge of the service in which they were alike concerned with himself, for they had all their peculiar districts equally assigned them. London and its infected skirts was every one's province, which, had he deserted or not personally supplied, multitudes of poor, sick, and wounded seamen of our own, and prisoners of the Dutch, must inevitably have perished. Two of his marshals employed at Leeds castle and Chelsea prison, who had frequent recourse to him, died of the plague, and one came to him with the tokens upon him; for all which dangers and services and "incessant motions," using his own coach and horses only, he never put one penny to account, but left it to their Lordships' consideration. To his astonishment he found half his real charges at once cut off, which, had he vouched by particular bills and reckonings of innkeepers and private houses where he was often forced to lodge during and since the contagion, would considerably have surmounted the full 40*s.* a day to which the Com^rs confined their expenses, though he hoped some favour might be had to the persons then employed (of whom the petitioner was the meanest and most exposed), viz., Sir Thomas Clifford (afterwards Lord High Treasurer), Sir William D'Oyby, Sir Geo. Downing, baronets, and others, who hardly could have travelled for 20*s.* a day allowance. He hoped

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their Lordships would have regard to his many hazards and fatigues, and not make him a precedent to those gentlemen who might "possibly hereafter be better husbands w^th^ less danger."

Their Lordships had abated three-fourths of his last year's salary. Though the war was ended, neither his journeys nor trouble was ended (whilst accounts and arrears were to be adjusted) until Wm. Gibson was commissioned by the Lord Treasurer to discharge what was owing at the ports. He hoped this might have been cast in as some recompense for his former services and expenses, for which he had charged nothing to the public during either war. [He hoped] their Lordships would allow his full and just account, and so represent to the King that the fine of 150*l.*, for making up the present term of his lease for certain lands near Deptford from the Crown might be installed and defalked out of the debt remaining due to the petitioner's wife's father, Sir Richard Browne, to whom the inheritance of that estate was solemnly promised by King Charles II. for his 19 years service abroad, in which he spent his patrimonial estate, as was known to Lord Godolphin, Sir Stephen Fox, and the rest of the late Com^rs^; and the remaining debt to be truly stated, audited, and allowed. Sir Richard's tedious sickness and death had hindered his application. There was still owing to the petitioner 6,685*l.* 10*s.* with interest.

Minuted:—"6 Mar. 1701. My Lords will allow him 30^sh^ a day for travell. charges, but no salary after his com^on^ determind." 3 *pages.*

March 8. 65. "An estimate of the nett produce of y^e^ arrears of y^e^ new subsidy w^ch^ determined the 8^th^ March 1701." 1 *page.*

March 8. 66. "A list of y^e^ debt in the office of y^e^ Works from Decemb^r^ 1699 to the 8^th^ of March 1701–2."

These are arranged in columns under Tower, Whitehall, St. James', Westminster, Greenwich, Winchester, Newmarket, Audley End, Powis House, Hampton Court, Kensington, Lord Oswalston's, and Court of Judicature.

The names of the persons having claims are arranged alphabetically. 1 *very large page.*

March 8. 67. "An acco^t^ of money due to y^e^ public ministers in Her Ma^ts^ service abroad, & to such of them as are returned home, &c." Dated 8 March 1701–2.

The names of the ministers are given. 1 *page.*

March 8. 68. "A particular of wages due in the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office from Midsomer 1700 to the 8^th^ of this instant, March 1701–2, and likewise what is due on Lord Chamberlain's warrants, stationary wares, and messengers' bills." ½ *page.*

March 8. 69. "An account of what has been paid on the scheme for the Civill List from y^e^ 1^st^ of January 1701 to y^e^ 8^th^ of March following." 1 *large page.*

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1701–2. March 8. 70. "Debt of the Office of Ordnance, the 8th of March 1701–2." 1 *page.*

[?1701–2.] 71. A paper which appears to have been an enclosure, showing that Sir Stephen Fox had furnished money by his credit, and paid off a loan of 33,050*l.* in Ireland, and an engagement for 8,000*l.* for clothing there, saving the King 1,400*l.* a year, and 600*l.* more since saved, so that above 16,000*l.* already, and 2,000*l.* a year had been less charged to the Government than in Mr. Lum's time, notwithstanding which he was displaced, and left to account for three millions, and was still labouring under that great account before the Comrs of Accounts, without any help from Lord Coningsby, &c.

Undated, but *query* the Comrs referred to are the Comrs appointed by Act 1701–2. See *Thomas's Historical Notes,* Vol. XI., p. 781. It appears to be in Will. III.'s reign. 1 *page.*

[? About 1701–2.] 72. Petition of John Devon, butcher, to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, for payment of his bill for meat supplied to the late Morocco ambassador, who had died three years since. Mr. Linch, an apothecary in Queen Street, Westminster, had been paid his bill, and there was about 500*l.* lying dormant to pay bills contracted by the ambassador. 1 *page.*

[Perhaps about 1701–2.] 73. "Mony assessed on the officers of the post-office on account of the 3s aid granted to His Majesty for 1,484,015li 1/11¾., whose salaries did not exceed 60*l. per ann.*"

Undated, but most of these officers are in a list of officers of the Royal Post House in Lombard Street, printed in *Chamberlayne's State of England,* 1702, p. 609. 1 *page.*

[? About 1701–2.] 74. The case of Mr. Richard Fifeild, parchment maker, whose tender to supply the Stamp Office with parchment for one year the Comrs had proposed to accept, and afterwards only proposed to accept one third part thereof. 1 *page.*

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